

The Cat's Out of the Bag

AN EDITORIAL

THE enrolled voters of the American Labor Party can be thankful to the New York Post for finally making clear what the real issue actually is in the American Labor Party primaries.

Two separate editorials in yesterday's Post prove to the hilt that that issue is a united party in support of the policies and the re-election of the President versus control of the party by a small group of Social Democrats opposed to those policies and to FDR's re-election.

No amount of shouting "Communism" in the style of Goebbels and Dies and Hearst, no fraudulent attempts to make the fight one of liberal versus labor domination by distorting the meaning of the Hillman Plan, no playing hide-and-go-seek with the fourth term issue can obscure the fact that the Dubinsky group, whose organ is the Post, opposes the President.

We quote from the Post's main editorial:
"Mr. Willkie must fight it out against negative minds and personalities as Lincoln fought it out against Douglas."

"We firmly believe that Mr. Willkie can awaken in America a latent enthusiasm for democratic causes. We believe he can change our foreign policy. We believe that if the Administration fails to change its policy in the face of such an attack Mr. Willkie can be nominated and elected."

Here we have an editorial that does not criticize the President's foreign policy for this or that act, but condemns that policy as a whole. It dismisses and denies the Moscow and Tehran agreements.

The President is here described as a Douglas while Willkie is the Lincoln. It is Willkie who is presented as the nation's hope while the President's defeat is inferentially urged.

All that is positive in Willkie's advocacy of a policy of world unity is used here against the President, not against the America Firsters and the defeatists who are the bitterest foes of FDR.

Does this not make the issue clear?

In the light of this objective of the Post—the defeat of the President in the 1944 elections—its second editorial, dealing with the ALP primaries, becomes perfectly plain.

According to that editorial, and many others preceding it, the issue in the primaries is solely that of Communists versus liberals. By making that the sole issue the Post, and the Dubinsky-Rose-Alfange group for which it speaks, not only wants to evade the other issues, but is preparing the groundwork for the defeat it expects in the primary elections.

It hopes to accomplish two things. First, it wants to help the reactionaries and defeatists in their campaign against the President by "tainting" him with Communism when he runs on the ALP ticket. Second, the Post and the Dubinsky crowd are preparing to launch a new party under the "Liberal" label when defeated, and this false issue is their way out.

And who are the shining examples of "liberalism" mentioned in the Post editorial? They include four Dubinsky officials and Dubinsky's pal, Alex Rose; three Social-Democratic Federation attorneys associated with the Jewish Daily Forward; New Leader editor William E. Bohn; and George S. Counts and Morris Ernst.

Each one of these is distinguished by his recent or current participation on behalf of Mikhailovich or the Polish Government-in-Exile, or in the Alter-Ehrlich and other anti-Soviet campaigns. This kind of activity is evidently the required Post "liberal" credentials.

The Post-Dubinsky slate is one that would exclude from the state committee of the ALP the vast bulk of the trade unions in the state. It would confine the party to Dubinsky's and Rose's unions. It would mean continuance of the policy of repelling progressive AFL unions and of labelling all but a handful of professional anti-Sovieters among the liberals as Communists or Communist stooges.

The slate presented by the Committee for a United Labor Party is one that unites the party among all sections of the labor movement, among liberals and professionals pledged to support the President.

The ALP is already much stronger today than it has ever been because of the Hillman Plan. The entire CIO is united behind it. Progressive AFL unions, true liberals and professionals, repelled by the Dubinsky-controlled state committee, are now rallying to it.

The Dubinsky-Alfange "warning" that a victory for the United Committee slate will weaken the party is nonsense. The fact is that the labor forces included in that slate won all three primaries for Congressman Marcantonio in 1942 and elected Michael Quill as councilman from the Bronx by the highest first choice vote last year, while all Dubinsky candidates went down to defeat.

An overwhelming victory for the United Committee slate March 28 is the only way to assure the unity of the ALP and its support to FDR.

An overwhelming defeat for the Dubinsky slate may even result in compelling this group, and certainly its supporters, to accept unity in the ALP behind the President.

See the Daily Worker tomorrow for an editorial on the Mayor's plan for unity in the ALP.

WLB Agrees to Hearing On Steel Wage Case

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)
WASHINGTON, March 22.—Ending two weeks of delay caused by industry obstruction and by the partisan bickering of AFL representatives, the War Labor Board today finally gave the CIO United Steel Workers the go-ahead signal to present its case for a 17-cent-an-hour wage increase.

The WLB steel panel which held its first hearing on March 8 will at last admit in evidence on Friday the 170-page brief of the steel union explaining why the wage increase over the Little Steel formula and other demands should be granted.

In a brief statement, CIO president Philip Murray sharply condemned the "desperate efforts on the part of both the AFL and industry members" of the board to

keep the steel workers from presenting their case.

Murray expressed confidence that the logic of the steel union's case will lead to "realistic revision" of the Little Steel formula.

Progress by the panel had initially been held up by the 100-odd steel company lawyers who fell all over themselves in making objections to any order procedure.

But for the past week the major obstacle has been the objection of the AFL to permitting the steel union to present its case—on the ground that the AFL's petition for revision of the Little Steel formula had been turned down by the board.

This afternoon WLB broke the deadlock, which had prevented prompt consideration of a case, involving 94 basic steel companies and 450,000 workers, with a complicated

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Red Army Captures Pervomaik; 3 Waves of U.S. Planes Rip Berlin

Mayor for ALP Unity, Hillman Endorses Plan

On the eve of the primary elections, Mayor LaGuardia yesterday advanced a four-point program designed to achieve unity in the American Labor Party behind President Roosevelt on the basis of a leadership that would be a "wholesome cross-section of the rank-and-file of the ALP."



MAYOR LA GUARDIA



SIDNEY HILLMAN

UAW Chief Signs 4th Term Appeal

By John Meldon

(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)
DETROIT, March 22.—A powerful upsurge of fourth term sentiment is coming from all quarters here.

Last night, R. J. Thomas, president of the United Auto Workers, the nation's largest union, joined with 40 other prominent Detroiters in a wire to President Roosevelt urging him to run again. "You alone are familiar with the complex problems involved in our far-flung military operations and strategy, in the mobilization of our resources and economy, and in the developing processes of collaboration between the United Nations," the appeal read.

A similar plea to the President was also made last night by more than 400 delegates to the biggest union body in the Midwest—the Wayne County CIO Council—speaking in the name of approximately 400,000 unionists.

Adoption of the resolution to wire President Roosevelt asking him to run again was viewed as highly significant in political circles here. It was the first public rebuff to the instigators of a Trotskyite-Norman Thomas inspired third party movement here which has been getting a big build-up in the anti-Roosevelt press.

Leaders of the third party campaign, initiated March 12 when a Michigan Commonwealth Federation was set up, fought furiously at last night's CIO Council meeting to block the telegram to FDR. In a showdown fight the third party was snowed under. Less than a dozen delegates out of the 400 present voted against the appeal.

CONDEMN THIRD PARTY
CIO delegates in another resolution condemned the third party as dangerous since "it serves to split the unity of labor and the progressive forces on the political field in the 1944 elections."

The Council delegates then called upon all local unions and labor generally to support the drive being conducted by District Six of the CIO Political Action Committee.

Tip-off on the anti-war, anti-Roosevelt character of the third party gang is the character of its leaders. These are Paul Silver,

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1,600 Raiders Cause Huge Fires In Battered Capital

BULLETIN
LONDON, Thursday, March 23 (UP).—RAF bombers blasted Frankfurt On Main last night, British sources said today.

LONDON, March 23 (UP).—Three great waves of U. S. heavy bombers and fighters—1,600 to possibly 1,750 warplanes—converged on Berlin at 1 P. M. today and left the battered heart of Nazism a sea of flame from 1,500 tons of bombs dropped on industrial targets.

Thundering in from three directions almost unchallenged by the Luftwaffe, the big raiding fleet smashed vital Nazi war plants in the German capital. A 4,000-foot column of flame erupted and smoke rose more than a mile into the sky. Both the center of the city and its industrial fringe were bombed.

The paralyzing blow, another in the Allied aerial campaign to knock the administrative center of the German war machine out of the war, was carried out by about 600 four-engine Flying Fortress and Liberator, shepherded by 1,000 or more long-range Mustang, Thunderbolt and Lightning fighters.

Although neither bomber crew of fighter pilots reported combat with German aircraft over Berlin—in contrast to the first U. S. massed attack March 8, when 68 heavy bombers and 11 fighters were lost—Nazi ground defense blanketed the city with one of the most intense anti-aircraft barrages yet experienced.

The 8th Air Force tactic of converging on the capital in two waves of Flying Fortresses and one of Liberators, however, confused the gunners, who flung up an indiscriminate barrage rather than concentrating on one formation at a time.

Oust Farley, Say Albany Democrats

ALBANY, March 23 (UP).—Ouster of James A. Farley as chairman of the Democratic State Committee was urged today by the powerful Albany O'Connell organization. John J. O'Connell, Jr., chairman of the Albany Democratic Committee, in making the announcement called for the election of Thomas J. V. Cullen of Orange County to succeed the former National Party Committee chairman and postmaster general.

It was understood the O'Connells felt that there was no real leadership in the state this, a presidential year, and that there was a need for a new chairman to assist in the campaign, particularly if the party candidate is Mr. Roosevelt, from whom Farley has been alienated.

The younger O'Connell said he has been seeking to rally support of the movement from among opponents of Farley in the Third Judicial District. The State Committee is scheduled to meet next month at a place and time not yet designated.

The O'Connells' first break with Farley came at the 1942 Democratic state gubernatorial convention at Brooklyn, when they flung their support to Sen. James M. Mead of Buffalo, while Farley—against the opposition of President Roosevelt who also supported Mead—held out for the nomination of former State Attorney General John J. Bennett, Jr.

Mead Sees FDR Choice Unanimous

BOSTON, March 23 (UP).—U. S. Sen. James M. Mead, D., N. Y., predicts that the Democratic National Convention "will cast one unanimous ballot for the re-nomination of Franklin D. Roosevelt and then adjourn," according to an interview published today in the Boston Globe.

Mead, who was here to deliver a speech, was quoted as saying that the convention would take such action "in response to the will of the American people."

Illegal Hungary Radio Urges Army Fight Nazis

BERNE, March 22.—The underground Hungarian radio, named after the patriot Louis Kossuth, has called on all units of the Hungarian army to resist the German invaders, despite the absence of orders from the Hungarian High Command.

The heavily-battered German troops in the Ukraine are being forced to retreat into the Carpathians, says the Kossuth radio, and a tremendous opportunity exists for Hungarian patriots to help liberate their own homeland by striking the German forces in the back.

The Kossuth radio, which is considered here the spokesman for the Front of Independence, organized in Budapest on Christmas Eve, 1942, also urged supporters of the Front of Independence to join with all other patriots, irrespective of political convictions, in a vast guerrilla warfare against the "aged German enemy."

"Start armed partisan struggle in the districts which the Germans succeeded in occupying temporarily," the radio declared on March 20.

"Army units should start battles against the German troops without waiting for instructions from the General Staff of the Army, from the Supreme Commander-in-Chief, from the Regent."

"Do not let a single army depot,

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Hitler Sets Up New Hungarian Cabinet

LONDON, March 22 (UP).—Germany announced tonight her occupation of Hungary "by mutual agreement," and the formation of a new collaborationist government under Field Marshal Döme Sotójay, Hungarian Minister to Berlin.

A broadcast by the official German agency DNB, recorded here, announced the occupation nearly four days after German troops had marched into the country and said that under the new government Hungary would be able to use all her resources "for final victory."

The announcement, saying tersely that Sotójay and his new ministers had succeeded the "resigned government" of Premier Nicholas Kallay, came a few hours after the dismissal indefinitely of the Hungarian parliament, so that the way was left clear for the new regime to exercise its dictatorship under German domination.

DNB asserted that Adm. Nicholas Horthy, the Hungarian Regent, had entrusted Sotójay with formation of the new government and thus implied both that he would retain his office and collaborate fully with the Germans.

Diplomatic sources here had suggested earlier that Horthy, bitterly anti-Soviet, probably was not really held by the Germans as had been reported.

ARREST PRO-ALLIED CITIZENS

Zurich reported, however, that arrests of pro-Allied politicians and newspapermen, in addition to others, continued.

Named as among those arrested were Stefan Bede, chief of the Hungarian Press Department; Leopold Baranyi, former president of the National Bank; Andrea Bajosy-Zillinsky, leader of the small Farmers Party, and Karl Rassy, liberal leader.

The Hungarian MTI agency broadcast the announcement that the Hungarian parliament had adjourned indefinitely on motion of Speaker Andrew Tasnady—Nagy after a brief formal session.

United Press dispatches from Berne quoted unconfirmed reports that fighting was spreading along the Hungarian-Rumanian frontier at Cluj (Klausenberg) between German and Rumanian troops and Hungarian Honved troops reinforced by armed peasants.

Thousands of Jews were reported trying to pass into Yugoslavia, along with Hungarian patriots. It was reported that Budapest also was under curfew.

The German announcement said that Adolf Hitler had named Dr. Edmund Veesenmayer Minister to Germany in the place of former Minister von Jagow.

Nikolaev, Lvov And Bessarabia Drives Sweep On

LONDON, March 22 (UP).—Soviet troops have smashed to within six miles east of the Black Sea port of Nikolaev, broadened their front in Bessarabia and captured the German bastion of Pervomaik on the east bank of the Lower Bug River, Moscow announced tonight.

Resuming their drive toward Nikolaev, southeastern anchor of the crumbling German lines in the Ukraine, the Red Army pushed forward as much as nine miles from their last reported positions on Saturday to partially surround the port.

Stalingrad veterans of Gen. Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Third Ukrainian Army, pushed three miles westward to take the railroad station of Gorokhovka, six miles east of Nikolaev.

Other troops of that army meanwhile swept nine miles up the east bank of the Bug River Estuary and captured the town of Balahonova, seven miles south of Nikolaev.

The Soviets also advanced 11 miles up the Bug Estuary to take the town of Bogoyavlensk, five miles south of Nikolaev.

In the Bessarabian area, the western wing of Marshal Ivan E. Konev's Second Army captured more than 18 towns, including Nadushita 19 miles north of the important German rail junction of Belya.

Nadushita is 19 miles beyond the Dniester River and within 24 miles of the Prut River border of Rumania proper.

Marshal Konev's eastern wing meanwhile collapsed the northeastern corner of the tenuous German line across the lower Ukraine by capturing the rail and highway junction of Pervomaik, 100 miles north of Odessa.

ZHUKOV'S DRIVE GAINS

Moscow also reported successes on three other fronts.

In the Western Ukraine where Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First Army is pushing toward Lvov, the Soviet captured several towns, none of which were named.

To the east the Red Army chopped another slice off a 150-mile German salient paralleling the northern arm of the Dniester which runs east and west at that point.

Striking west of Vinitsa, the Soviets advanced about 150 miles to capture more than 30 towns. Among them were the rail stations of Bar, 19 miles west of Zhmerinka and Mytky, 19 miles southwest of Zhmerinka.

An Order of the Day from Premier Stalin broadcast by the Moscow radio announced that Pervomaik, a city of 20,000, was captured after a furious two-day battle, leaving Vornesensk, 38 miles to the southeast, as the Nazis only stronghold on the east bank of the Bug above the Black Sea port of Nikolaev.

Vornesensk, under heavy attack by Soviet planes and artillery, was expected to fall imminently, opening the way for a Soviet smash southward across the Bug to the Black Sea.

Red Star Sees FDR Nominated

MOSCOW, March 22 (UP).—Nomination of President Roosevelt at the Democratic National Convention is a virtual certainty, Maurice Mendelssohn, Russian specialist in American problems, declared today in an analysis of American election possibilities published in the Soviet Army organ Red Star.

The article named Wendell Willkie, unsuccessful 1940 Republican candidate, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio, and Gen. Douglas MacArthur as the leading Republican candidates.

Britons Receive Soviet Awards

MOSCOW, March 22 (UP).—The Soviet government today awarded Soviet decorations to 85 officers and men of the British armed forces.

Tokio Troops Cross Into India at Manipur

NEW DELHI, March 22 (UP).—Japanese troops have driven for the first time across India's border, penetrating into Manipur State at "one or two places," it was announced today.

Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters reported tersely that Japanese "raiding columns" had crossed the frontier into Manipur after pushing westward through the Sonm Hills tract of northwestern Burma. Advanced imperial patrols are in contact with the enemy on Indian soil at some points, the communiqué said without amplification.

No mention was made of the strength of the invading columns, but it had been announced earlier this week that the Japanese had effected crossings "in force" of the upper Chindwin River in the Tamathli-Homalin area, immediately east of the Sonm tracts.

Two other strong Japanese columns were threatening to break into India from the Kabaw Valley sector.

Tojo Tells Diet: Nation Faces Crisis

(By United Press)
Premier Gen. Hideki Tojo, in his most foreboding comment of the war, warned the Japanese Parliament Wednesday that the Empire's military situation had become very serious during the last six weeks and that Japan now faces the "most critical stage" of its history.

"The Japanese empire is facing decisive struggles which will decide the destiny of the entire nation," Tojo told the Diet.

ALP Rally Tonight at Manhattan Center

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The Japanese 'Invasion' of India

By a Veteran Commander

WHILE on all other fronts everything was progressing "normally," i.e. in a way that might have been expected, the Burmese situation took a turn for the worse.

The fact that the Japanese are marching on India and are reported (by enemy sources) to have crossed the border of Manipur Province would not be so important in itself if it were not for the fact that in this sector they may threaten the railway running from Calcutta to the northeast. This railroad is the lifeline of General Stilwell's army which has pushed into the Hukawng Valley, on its way to the Burmese rail center of Myittha. Should this line be cut, Stilwell's Sino-American command may find itself in a difficult situation. As to the British-Indian troops which were advancing on Akyab, they are in far less great a danger. The reaction of C-in-C Lord Mountbatten to this push will give a measure of the ability of Allied forces in India to wage warfare on a serious scale.

On the War Fronts

OUR battlewagons have entered the fray for the first time in the Bismarck Sea area and have pounded Kavieng on New Britain while Marines were landing and occupying Emirau Island, 85 miles northwest of Kavieng. The occupation of this little island completes the ring we have forged around Rabaul by cutting the Rabaul-Truk line.

THE battle for Cassino continues with the Germans having reinforced their troops with paratroopers. They have "turned" (as newscasters put it euphemistically) to the Continental Hotel. A more resounding fiasco for the "air-power-uber-alles" boys could not have been imagined: the aerial bombardment, unprecedented in lavishment and concentration did not prepare the way for our land troops which were supposed to just walk in and occupy, but are stalemated again, both in Cassino and on Monte Cassino (on the approaches to the Abbey).

There were no new developments on the Anzio beachhead where there is little more than a continuous artillery duel going on.

THE swift occupation of Hungary (and probably—Rumania and Bulgaria) by German troops plainly shows the impression the Soviet advance made on the German Command. In fact the Germans are manning the fortress of the Carpathians to which the truth serves as a "moat." The Red Army is on the "glacis" and is approaching the Moat.

The manning of the huge semicircular "fortress" will require a lot of troops; adding to this the number necessary to occupy Hungary, Slovakia, Rumania, Transylvania, Bulgaria and Rumania (if only the southern part, south of the Danube-Siret line), it is easy to see that the Germans will have to find two more divisions, at least. One is reported to have arrived from Denmark. There is little doubt that the Germans will have to use against the Red Army divisions which were earmarked for the defense of Western Europe.

The most important development on the Eastern Front was the cutting of the railroad between Belsky and Chernovits in Bessarabia. This leaves the German armies in the south but one escape line—via Razdelnaya, Kishinev and Yassy. It would seem that the Germans cannot afford to fool around anymore in Bessarabia. They will probably try to hold a line running from the mouth of the Danube to Galatz, hence up the Siret and the Bystritsa to the Carpathians and along the main range (through Dorna-Vatra and Yassy) to the headwaters of the San, south of Prezemyl. And hold this line they must if they don't want the entire Balkans to slip out from under them.

The final touch on the German defeat in the south seems to have been put by the reported firing of von Manstein and his replacement by Field Marshal von Kluge, who was defeated at Rostov in 1941 and between Stalingrad and Rostov in late 1942 and early 1943.

More of the same to him.

A Strange Funeral In Buenos Aires...

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

There was a funeral in Buenos Aires on Saturday, which was turned into a political demonstration against the military clique of Gen. Farrell and Col. Peron, now ruling Argentine.

It was a strange Argentine funeral. It gives us a glimpse of the growing tension inside of Argentina, and the very wide which the democratic forces are achieving, despite repression.

Eric Johnston To Visit USSR

Eric Johnston, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, has accepted an invitation from Premier Joseph Stalin to visit the Soviet Union.

According to yesterday's N. Y. Times, Mr. Johnston will leave here in early May and return some time in June.

It was the same Mr. Johnston who voiced such warm optimism about the possibilities of increased American-Soviet trade after the war.

Interviewed by a Tass correspondent last month, the Chamber of Commerce president said:

"American business circles warmly greet the victories of the Red Army. They are proud of the fact that the production of the U. S. industry helped in the Russian victories over the common enemy."

"This is another proof," Mr. Johnston told Tass, "of the fact that the industrial power and almost inexhaustible resources of the U. S. and Soviet Union can effectively complement each other in war as well as in peace."

Aids Russian IWO War Bond Drive

Vladimir E. Zworykin, noted inventor, sent a check for \$75 worth of war bonds to help finance the building of a new United States Army bomber, "Spirit of Leningrad" being sponsored by the Russian American Section of the International Workers Order as its contribution to the 4th War Loan Drive.

"I am convinced that, in tribute to the invincible spirit of the Red Army, all Russian Americans without exception will desire to participate in the purchase of war bonds to commemorate the heroic defense of Leningrad," wrote the scientist in a message to the Order.

To Honor Bill Albertson

An "induction" party Saturday night will say farewell to three of Brooklyn's stalwart Communist fighters at the Brighton-Manhattan Beach C. P. Club, 3170 Coney Island Ave.

Partisans Battle Nazi Terrorism in North Italy

3,500 in Gary Cheer Adamic Call For Tie to Tito

By Howard Lawrence
(Special to the Daily Worker)

GARY, Ind., March 22.—Thirty-five hundred persons cheered the proposal of Louis Adamic Sunday night for the United States to recognize the government of Marshal Tito.

The local Serbian fascists, who had attempted to block the Adamic meeting in the Memorial Auditorium by a petition to the school board, tried to keep their followers away from hearing the truth about Yugoslavia by organizing a counter-meeting.

Many came however to hear Adamic prove that it is in the interest of America to support Tito and remain to cheer.

Referring to the failure of the efforts of the pro-Mikhailovich group to make the pan on the meeting stick, Adamic declared:

"Reactionary, suppressive forces reared their hooded heads and tried to threaten, to blackmail the democratic liberties stated in the Bill of Rights. Gary was subjected to the test, and swiftly and splendidly did it people meet the issue."

The Yugoslav - American author said he was not worried about Tito, whose forces, he asserted, are the fighting vanguard of a new European democracy.

Instead, Adamic charged, the pro-fascist groups of America are threatening to make this country fascist and that their opposition to Tito is only part of their plan.

NAMES FASCISTS

In addition to Constantine Fotich, ambassador of the Yugoslav government-in-exile to this country, others listed by the speaker as pro-fascist were Col. Robert McCormick of the Chicago Tribune, William Randolph Hearst, Father Coughlin and Gerald L. K. Smith.

The speakers list consisted of figures of national importance in Yugoslavia-American life. They included Zarko Buncic, Mayor of Belgrade, Zlatko Balokovic, president of the National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent; George Pirinski, president of the Michigan American-Slav Congress; Rev. Strahinja Malechic, a Serbian priest, secretary of the United South Slav Americans Committee of America, of which Adamic is president; and Sava Kosanovich, former Yugoslav cabinet member.

Mayor Joseph E. Raftery welcomed the speakers to Gary to clear up the questions about Tito and Yugoslavia, which had tended to divide Americans of Slav descent. State Senator Blaz Lucas acted as chairman. Joe Goin, local CIO leader, was a guest of honor.

Soviet Economist Hits Finance Plans

MOSCOW, March 22 (UP).—I. Trachtenburg, Soviet economist, today criticized the Keynes and White Plans for an international clearing union as inadequate to achieve stability of foreign exchange.

Writing in the journal, "World Economics and World Politics," Trachtenburg said the White (United States) Plan might "create a threat of serious economic intervention by its fund into the internal economic policy of some states."

"The theories at the basis of the American plan are just as unhealthy as those at the base of the English (Keynes) plan," he continued.

"Neither can achieve stability of foreign currencies."

"But international currency agreements can aid in diminishing foreign exchange fluctuations which alone are enough to justify the existence of such international organizations."

Soviet Word Is Good, Benes Tells British Editor

LONDON, March 22.—"The Soviets mean what they say," declared President Eduard Benes when interviewed by the London Daily Express, and the Czechoslovak President reiterated that his country, the Soviet Union and Poland will be united in the post-war period.

"For my part," said President Benes, "I have established confidence with the Russians. They will fulfill scrupulously the Tehran decisions, so as to safeguard peace for several generations."

Dr. Benes does not believe that the Soviet Union wants to interfere in the internal affairs of her neighbors. He assured the Express foreign editor, Charles Foley that Stalin is willing to be quoted as definitely opposed to any attempt to impose Communist ideas on the Danubian countries.

Nor does Stalin want to dominate the Balkans, What he does want is

Incendiary Hits



A woman worker corks the vent holes on a number of incendiary bombs (top) turned out by the Army Chemical Warfare Service in the U. S. before delivery to the armed forces and the enemy. As a cluster of these bombs explodes (bottom) over the Japanese Lakunai Airfield, Rabaul, New Britain, it creates a beautiful pattern. Incendiaries have been found to be particularly effective against parked planes and enemy anti-aircraft positions.

Finnish Workers Call For Immediate Peace

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

STOCKHOLM, March 22.—A fiery-worded peace appeal has been distributed by Finnish workers at factories in Helsinki, Abo, and Tampere.

"Refuse to submit to the ruling class! Refuse to observe party discipline under Tanner!" stated the manifesto, according to information reaching here from Finland.

Many workers have already been imprisoned and sent to concentration camps for distributing the ap-

Soviet Writer Says Greeks Rally to EAM

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, March 22.—Further light on the situation in Greece was offered by the Soviet analyst S. Belinkov in an article in Red Star which challenged Prime Minister Winston Churchill's Feb. 22 statement that the "saddest case of all" is Greece.

"Many observers in the neutral and allied countries," declared S. Belinkov, "thought that a fratricidal war was in progress in Greece, but these assumptions are groundless."

To the contrary, the Red Star author noted, "it is precisely the national unity of the Greeks which is the source of the greatest of their resistance, in the unequal struggle against the Hitlerite invaders."

Red Star pointed out that all Greek patriots have rallied to the banner of the National Liberation Front, EAM, which leads Greece's resistance struggle.

ARMED FORCES

"The National Liberation Front," says Belinkov, "has rendered a great service in the formation of armed forces."

Main objective of the Greek guerrillas is the sole railway connecting central Europe with the Balkans, and the EAM is striking hard at this key German position which is also taking a beating from Marshal Tito's Yugoslav People's Army.

Discussing the Greek Quislings, S. Belinkov remarked:

"The Home Minister Tsavoularis, hangman and executioner, claims the prime ministry. Another pretender to the same post is 'Minister of Education' Lavaris."

"Hitler's agents helped the invaders from the declassified elements into six 'Security' Battalions, declared Red Star, "charged with police and gendarme functions."

But that is all Hitler has been able to muster against the Greek guerrilla army, maintained the Soviet commentator. Neither were the Germans successful in their provocative efforts to incite the small guerrilla groups against the EAM.

Thus the latest German attempt to provoke a fratricidal war in Greece has failed as shamefully as all other Hitlerite plans in the Balkans," concluded the Soviet writer.

Tass Hits Lie Of Bid to Rumania

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, March 22.—Rumors published by the Swiss paper, the Journal de Geneve, that "Russian armistice terms approved by the Anglo-Saxons" have been offered to Rumania, was emphatically refuted by the Soviet news agency, Tass.

Fascists Murder Noted Professor

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

GENEVA, March 22.—The hard-punching Partisans of North Italy are fighting it out with fascist troops in Borgoraro, news from that territory reaching here disclosed. The liberation movement is picking up speed, despite frenzied attempts by the Nazis to crush the militant strike movement by mobilizing Italian workers.

In the Borgoraro battle, Marines of the 10th Naval Flotilla captured and killed nine partisans. It was reported in retaliation for the patriotic slaying of two fascist naval officers at the Valmossola station recently.

The news from North Italy further bares the increasing fascist terrorism against patriotic elements. Leon Ginsburg, former Professor at Turin University, and one of the founders of Carlos Sforza's "Action Party," was brutally tortured and killed in a Rome prison. Ginsburg edited the "Action Party" paper, Italia Libera.

Escaped American war prisoners are joining British, Australian, Soviet and Greek soldiers—all former prisoners—in mounting guerrilla activity against the Nazis. The new partisan organization is known as the "Guerriglieri," and it is under the direct leadership of the Italian National Committee of Liberation.

Throughout the provinces of Northern Italy, the partisan movement has developed fierce battles, street fighting, and widespread sabotage.

The entire province of Aosta, with the exception of the city itself, is controlled by the partisans, and all efforts by the Nazi-Fascist militia to wrest this central base has failed.

That the Nazi mobilization edicts are being frustrated by the defiance of the population and even the Italian soldiers themselves, is revealed in these stories learned in Geneva.

1. In Marbone, an officer refused to take the fascist oath. Arrested, he was later liberated by the partisans during the night.

2. Seven hundred men from an Alpine Rifle Battalion enroute to Nevara from Marbone, deserted and joined the Italian partisans.

3. The Italian countryside abounds with Italian soldiers hiding from the Nazis, waiting a propitious moment to join the guerrilla forces.

4. Five men were killed, and many wounded in a street clash in Magence, when fascist police attempted to round up young Italian workers for army mobilization.

British Ask USSR On Prisoner Data

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

LONDON, March 22 (UP).—The British Government has asked the Soviet Union for full particulars on reports that former German war prisoners who were captured by the British in North Africa and later repatriated to Germany were sent into action on the Eastern Front and taken prisoner by the Red Army.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the House of Commons today.

The Moscow press on two occasions recently published affidavits from German prisoners who testified they had been ordered to the front after their exchange and a brief furlough.

"The view of His Majesty's Government is that if, at the time of their capture by the Red Army, any of these persons were employed on combatant duties, this is inconsistent with the whole purpose of the sick and wounded convention and it constitutes a serious abuse of its provisions by Germany," Eden said in reply to a question by Maurice Petherick, Conservative.

"We have, accordingly, asked the Soviet Government to supply us with full particulars," Eden added.

President's Cold 'Definitely Improved'

WASHINGTON, March 22 (UP).—President Roosevelt, who was forced to cancel his regular schedule of appointments yesterday because of a head cold, is now "definitely improved," according to his personal physician, Vice-Admiral Ross T. McIntire.

Reinforced Nazis Batter At Allied Cassino Lines

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS Naples, March 22 (UP).—Reinforced German paratroopers, strongly supported by planes, opened a powerful counter-attack at Cassino today, throwing wave after wave of troops against New Zealand positions on Castle Hill just north of the ruined city.

The Nazis attack at 5:30 A. M. although their first assault units were thrown back they still were hammering at the rocky slope five hours later in the face of point-blank fire from New Zealand machine-guns which took a heavy toll.

Seven days after an Allied obliteration bombing assault opened the third bloody battle for Cassino's

Mayor for ALP Unity, Hillman Endorses Plan

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Dubinsky have any personal ambitions, but the relations between the two gentlemen are becoming increasingly strained.

This means that it is all the more desirable that existing differences be settled.

3. Charges and counter-charges have been made, but I want to say in all fairness that I know of my own personal acquaintance with and knowledge of such persons as Mr. Sidney Hillman, Mr. Jacob Potofsky, Mr. Miller of the Joint Board, Mrs. Dorothy Bellanca, Mr. Joe Calanotte, Mr. Hyman Blumberg, that they are not now and never have been Communists.

4. Neither Mr. Hillman nor Mr. Dubinsky want to see the Communists gain control of the American Labor Party.

That being so, there should be no difficulty in agreeing on a joint slate for the state executive committee to which all committeemen would be pledged. Out of the over one thousand candidates for the 750 seats in the state committee, men and women who have no Communist taint could easily be selected for the state executive committee.

Here, therefore, is my suggestion of a plan of operation for the American Labor Party for the year 1944:

1. A joint statement to be issued immediately by Messrs Hillman and Dubinsky and their committees that they are wholeheartedly in favor of the renomination and re-election of Franklin D. Roosevelt for President of the United States, and that they will work sincerely and effectively to that end regardless of the outcome of the present primary contest, in the event that peace cannot be restored before primary day.

2. A joint slate for members of the state executive committee to be selected from among entries into the primary election for state committeemen, this slate to be selected by a committee representing both groups, it being understood that no Communists will be placed on said executive committee, the state Executive Committee to be a wholesome cross-section of the rank and file of the American Labor Party, but not based on any representation of any organization based on numerical membership. In other words, it is to be truly representative of the progressive, liberal forces of this State.

3. All state committeemen and delegates to the state convention are pledged to the nomination of Franklin D. Roosevelt as candidate for President on the American Labor Party of the State of New York and the constitution of the United States. That means that if President Roosevelt is the candidate of the Democratic Party, naturally a like slate of electors must be elected by the two parties. Should President Roosevelt not be the candidate of the Democratic Party, then it follows that the American Labor Party electors would be pledged to President Roosevelt.

4. A pledge for the promulgation of party rules to protect and promote the public interest in cross endorsements should be made only by judicial conventions, at least seven days before the last day fixed by the law for such judicial convention to be held. Proper scrutiny in protecting endorsements in primaries for fixed, qualified, competent candidates.

I have sought to reflect the good motives of both sides, and have eliminated personal animosities that unfortunately exist between individuals on both sides. By the same token, I have made no reference to the conduct of some individuals who were responsible for the acts which I do not approve. This applies to individuals in party office found in both groups.

It seems to me that Progressives in this State must bear two things in mind—the winning of the war and the kind of a world peace that will reduce the dangers of war and make for a better world and the need of progressive leadership in this country following the cessation of hostilities.—A leadership able to confront the terrific problems of the post-war period, and to translate into real life the ideals of justice, economic security and a social wel-

fare. That is the objective of every true, unselfish Progressive.

I will have nothing further to say concerning the primaries—time will not permit me to aid in the mechanics of the above plan or otherwise become active.

Hillman's Statement

Mr. Hillman's statement declared:

The Committee for a United Labor Party has authorized me to make the following reply to the Mayor's statement of March 22:

1.—The Committee unconditionally accepts the Mayor's proposals which it welcomes as a distinct contribution to the task of unifying and strengthening the ALP to meet the responsibilities imposed upon it in the historic 1944 elections.

2.—The slate of the Committee for a United Labor Party has from its inception been pledged to Franklin D. Roosevelt as the presidential candidate of the ALP for 1944. This pledge has the backing and support of the convention of the N. Y. State CIO which in September of last year went on record unanimously in support of a fourth term for the President.

3.—The Mayor's statement finally settles what has always been a false issue in this campaign—the false issue of control of the ALP. It has always been the position of the CULP that the selection of the leadership on the basis proposed by the Mayor—"a wholesome cross section of the rank and file of the American Labor Party"—provides a final guarantee against Communism, socialist, or otherwise.

4. We completely agree with the Mayor's proposal that no Communist shall be placed upon the State Executive Committee, but that the committee shall be "truly representative of the progressive liberal forces of this state."

5. The Mayor's proposal is in the same spirit as the proposition made in my letter of Jan. 23 to Messrs. Rose and Counts in which I stated that, in the interest of unity, persons to whom they had taken exception in prior conferences, had volunteered to withdraw their claim to representation in the ALP leadership.

6. Representatives of the CULP have offered in the past to meet with the state ALP leadership and remain ready to meet with them for the purpose of effectuating the Mayor's proposals.

7. The committee fully subscribes to the Mayor's statement that the real issues which face labor and all progressives in 1944 are the final and complete defeat of the enemy, the establishment of a democratic and enduring peace and the building of a secure and abundant life for our people, with full employment and security for all.

First Warship With Negro Crew

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, March 22.—The first United States Naval vessel to have a predominantly Negro crew, the destroyer escort USS Mason, was placed in full commission here yesterday with appropriate ceremonies.

The crew consists of 180 Negroes and 44 whites. However, plans are under way for the replacement of whites with Negro personnel as soon as they are trained for the special jobs now held by the whites.

The ceremony took place in the presence of the ship's officers and crew. As the colors and commissioning pennant were taken out, the US Navy Receiving Station band played the national anthem. After the commissioning of the vessel by Cap. Roman C. Grady, USN, Lt. Com. William M. Blackford, USNR of Seattle, Wash; assumed command of the ship.

During the ceremonies, Julian D. Steele, Massachusetts president of the NAACP, presented the ship's crew with a set of musical instruments for the ship's band. Mr. Steele made the following speech in presenting the instruments:

"This is a small expression of our appreciation of the significance of this moment, setting as it does a new landmark in the long and steady struggle of the colored people of America for equality of opportunity. It was in another great war for human freedom that the first Negro regiment was commissioned in this same city and the record of its glorious achievements has been fittingly memorialized by the monument on Boston Common which faces our State House. Today the first Naval ship, manned by a predominantly Negro crew, is being commissioned, and as this marks a new departure in Naval policy with regard to the enlistment of Negro personnel, it is a further evidence of the ability of our democratic government to respond to public pressure and to extend to all its citizens an increasing share in the responsibility of citizenship."

Let's All Back The Attack

Alabama Cops Who Killed Negro Soldier Have Record

Policemen's 'Self-Defense' Alibi Ripped by NAACP Attorney

By Eugene Gordon

The Gadsden, Ala., policemen, Jack Fisher and Fay Bowman, who admitted they shot a Negro soldier seven times allegedly "in self-defense" on March 11, "have a dirty record in the killing of Negroes under suspicious circumstances."

That was the emphatic assertion of Thurgood Marshall, noted Negro attorney and counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, yesterday.

Stop Army 'Scottsboros'!

AN EDITORIAL

Frank Fisher, Jr., and Edward R. Louny, young Negro victims in "one of the worst frame-up rape cases of all times" (says a brief to the War Department by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), were sentenced by a court-martial in New Caledonia, a French Colony in the South Pacific, in June, 1943, to life imprisonment. Their actual "crime" as reported first in the Daily Worker of Nov. 13, 1943, was that they had in the language of the brief purchased "the sexual favor" of a French native prostitute.

The court-martial revealed that she offered the soldiers no resistance, uttered no protesting cry, made no effort to attract attention—in short, objected in no way. Why should she, since as it has been proved, she was accustomed to selling her favors to soldiers? It happened that, being a Caledonian, she did not know United States custom regarding this matter when a Negro was involved.

Not only were the soldiers United States Negroes; their officers were chiefly white Southerners. All this went against them.

Representative Vito Marcantonio and Judge William H. Hastie, in their brief for the NAACP, emphasize this fact. They add that the court-martial proceedings show eight distinct indications of prejudice and bias against the Negro prisoners—tried 8,000 miles from home without benefit of friends or of counsel of their choice.

The civilian-police killing of Pvt. Raymond McMurray in Alabama is the fourth or fifth such murder. The Fisher-Louny rape frame-up is the second of its kind. The people, in demanding that the Secretary of War investigate the first case and grant clemency in the second, must let him know that there is no room in our Army for Scottsboro frame-ups.

C. P. Recruiting News

Something New Was Added--And How

By Wilmina Maisie

Executive Secretary, Westlake Communist Club, Los Angeles County LOS ANGELES, March 22.—Every so often something will occur in the life of a Communist club which transforms its whole character. That something happened to Westlake Communist Club in Los Angeles on March 2.

We had recruited 14 new members. The first point on the order of business was their initiation into the club. They were all seated in the first row. As our membership director read off the names, each one stood up. It was really an impressive sight. A group of people from all nationalities—a Mexican, a Chinese, several Negroes, many of them trade unionists, giving the pledge to fight for democracy and a better world as members of the Communist Party.

The discussion which followed as based on the necessity of enrolling additional new members to more effectively carry on the struggle to elect a win-the-war Administration in our nation. During the discussion, one new member asked how a member goes about recruiting others.

After this was explained, another new member got up and said that she thought she could bring into the Communist Party quite a number of people and would therefore like to challenge any other new member who wanted to be in on the race. A third new member accepted the challenge. But by that time there was such great enthusiasm among the new members, that she wanted the new members to go into competition with all the old members. The membership in attendance

Speed Selection Of Chaplin Jury

HOLLYWOOD, March 22 (UP).—The questioning of prospective jurors was speeded up today in an attempt to select before midnight 12 men and women to hear Charlie Chaplin's trial on charges of violating the Mann Act.

Appearing cheerful in contrast to yesterday's sobriety, Chaplin edged his way through a large but orderly crowd at the courtroom doorway and walked to the red leather arm chair at the counsel table.

Seven men and five women tentatively were in the box at the start of the second day of questioning. Red-haired Joan Barry, whom the government charges Chaplin took to New York and back for immoral purposes, was expected to testify first.

Green to Speak

Gilbert Green, State Secretary of the Communist Party, will speak at the Winter Garden in the Bronx on Thursday, March 30. The meeting is sponsored by the Crotona Victory Club, 64 SE Tremont Ave., Bronx. Admission is free and all are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

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Willkie Assails Chicago Tribune

Warming up in his Wisconsin primary campaign, Wendell Willkie hit out directly at the Chicago Tribune in his Tuesday speeches at Green Bay and other Wisconsin cities.

"Any Republican candidate for President of the school of thought of the Chicago Tribune will be overwhelmingly defeated," Willkie contended.

The Republican 1940 nominee again hurled criticism at those who stand for "economic torporism" and "turning the clock back" in the name of the GOP. Striking sharply at his rivals in the Wisconsin primary of next Tuesday, April 4, he particularly chided them for their silence on the big issues before the nation.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, Lieut. Commander Harold Siassen and Gen. Douglas MacArthur—whose names are entered in the balloting in the Wolverine State—were all covered by the Willkie shaft.

"The only way our system functions is through public discussion," Willkie said. Those who are seeking the preference of the voters should enter that discussion or withdraw from the race, he asserted.

Referring to Gerald L. K. Smith's letter stating that Willkie must be defeated, Willkie stated: "Any candidate of the Republican Party who does not repudiate the America First Party and Gerald L. K. Smith cannot possibly be elected President of the United States."

While his strictures of his rivals—who are in reality all in one camp—became sharper under the impact of the fight within the Republican Party, Willkie still continued to carry on warfare against the administration.

This led him in his Tuesday speeches to repeat many of the same blunders he had made on Monday—in taking a stand on the Polish boundary question which seemed to put him right near the anti-Soviet camp and in parroting the old Hearst-McCormick word "collectivism" against Mr. Roosevelt.

Yank Airmen Fire Marshall Atolls

WASHINGTON, March 22 (UP).—Army, Navy and Marine Corps airmen concentrated striking power against four enemy bases in the Marshall Islands on Monday, causing a series of explosions and fires, the Navy announced today.

Medium bombers, dive bombers, fighters and even patrol planes participated in the attacks.

Anti-aircraft fire was described as "from moderate to meager."

How 2 Club Leaders Build Communist Party in B'klyn



BELLE SAUNDERS

By Lola Paine

Two Brooklyn Communist club leaders say that Brooklyn's doing fine in the recruiting drive and will do even better by April 2, date of the Party Builders Congress.

Belle Saunders and Leah Wechsler are doing jobs that men usually did before the war started. They're both club chairmen, working night and day with their eyes on one goal—to build the Communist Party into a stronger weapon against fascism. Here's what they and their clubs are doing about it.

Belle Saunders says that her club in the 4th AD, Brooklyn, has already filled 60 per cent of its quota and expects to make it 100 per cent by April 2. Half of the recruits are housewives. 18 per cent are Negroes. All of them, Belle says, were recruited because they saw the work the Communist club was doing in the neighborhood.

"We raise issues the people are interested in," she said. They see what we're doing and they join us." To date Belle has recruited 18 people by herself and that's no small number. To date it hasn't been topped in Brooklyn. Leah Wechsler, who is chairman of the Bath Beach Club in Brook-

lyn's 16th AD, says that 50 per cent of her club's quota of 85 is already filled and that 75 per cent will be filled by April 2.

"Our recruits include Greek and Italian people, housewives, industrial and white collar workers, a real cross-section," she said. Commenting on ways of recruiting, she said, "We find that small house parties go a long way in helping to get recruits. Talking about Pete Cacchione's record as a Communist Councilman is another good bet. Then there's always The Worker and what it stands for. You'll find that Worker subscribers make quick recruits."

Bath Beach Communist Party Club has challenged the Lincoln Victory Club in the same AD. "Bath is still ahead," Leah said, "and means to stay there. We don't mind, though, if the Lincoln Club makes it tough for us."

April 2 is less than two weeks away. It's up to these girls and their clubs to prove their words with recruits. They're working hard but they know that every recruit helps. In the long run, they say, every recruit helps Brooklyn win the Davis-Cacchione cup from Manhattan. That counts!

ALP Unity Canvassers Find 25-1 Against Rose-Alfange

By Louise Mitchell

"Bring me my glasses, mama, I want to make sure I'm not signing anything that will help Dubinsky," the elderly man standing at the door called to his wife back in the apartment.

A canvasser for the New York County Committee of the American Labor Party in the 10th A. D. had asked the enrollee to support the drive for a united labor party behind the President. But the voter, hep to the political shenanigans of the Dubinsky-Rose-Alfange group, was taking no chances.

Out of 25 voters in the 20th election district of the 10th A. D., only one closed the door with a polite, "My husband wouldn't want me to."

All the rest were eager to back the win-the-war ALP group.

This average response of 25-to-1 and even higher is the common experience of canvassers these days who work with FDR pledge cards put out by the Committee for a United Labor Party, as part of the March 28 primary election.

"One of our canvassers," said Alvin Udell, chairman of the 10th A. D. ALP, yesterday "ran into a relative of the opposition slate. She also signed the card because she was so disgusted with the New York Post which defended the Old Guard on the ground of 'bargaining' with the President."

"TERRIFIC"

"Terrific" was the word he used to describe reaction of voters to the County ALP's drive to unite the party on the basis of the Hillman plan. Many inactive members as well as former followers of the Old Guard were out canvassing because they realize the importance of elections this year.

As for the "red-herring" trick, that was rather stale, he said.

"Three hundred per cent more workers are engaged in canvassing this year than last. We went out on a mailing on Friday and in one day, we got a 12 per cent response. Formerly the reaction was about two to three per cent."

Canvassers find that not only do voters sign pledge cards and promise to vote on primary day, he explained but they volunteer to take cards, into shops and offices.

Canvassers also get hints from voters of other enrollees and possible contacts.

In the last election, the New York County ALP carried 21 out of 25 A. D.'s, but this year the committee is confident that it will carry all, Eugene P. Connolly, secretary, said.

"We feel sure that the 15th A. D. which is the silk stocking district, and the 13th which covers parts of Morningside Heights and Harlem, will also vote the win-the-war way," he emphasized.

"The response this year is without precedent," he continued. "On numerous occasions in almost every district—there are 1,000 election districts in the county—former right wingers have come over to our side."

The Old Guard is getting the support of the newspapers "but the

Murray Supports Legion GI Bill

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau) WASHINGTON, March 22.—CIO President Philip Murray today announced his full support for the American Legion's GI bill giving educational and employment opportunities to veterans.

In a letter to all members of the Senate, Murray urged passage of the measure as a "sound, constructive and vitally necessary program of aid and guidance of our returned servicemen."

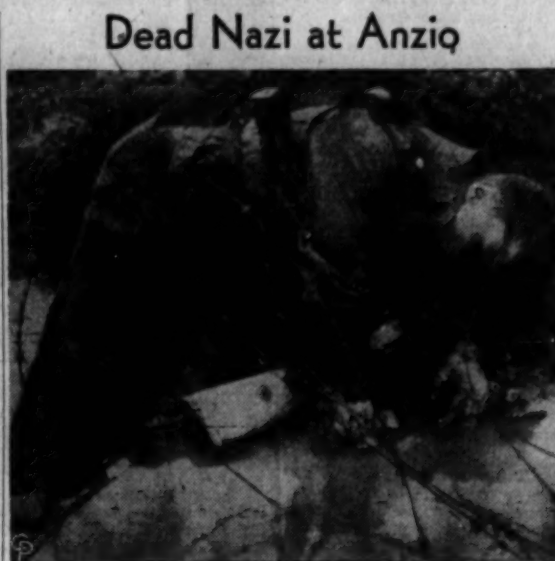
At the same time, Murray said that the CIO is also supporting the mustering-out pay bill offered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the disabled American veterans and other groups.

Murray emphasized that the CIO "has long pressed for measures to add to the well-being of our men in the armed forces" and that it "proposed the first move to raise the base pay of the armed forces, to increase the allotments to wives and other dependents, and to secure emergency disability compensation."

23rd American Sub Lost In War Reported by Navy

WASHINGTON, March 22 (UP).—Loss of the 1525-ton submarine Scorpion and her crew of about 75, presumably in the intensified battle to paralyze Japan's far-flung lines, was revealed today by the Navy. It was the 23rd American submarine lost from all causes in this war and the seventh reported lost in the Pacific this year.

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Newspapers don't vote and ALP members have good memories about Low newspapers treated other election results.

Indications of the distress of the Dubinsky-Rose-Alfange clique is shown by the fact, he said, that it has to employ paid canvassers.

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Union Lookout

The Milwaukee CIO Council is really going to town trying to recruit for the WAC. "One WAC for every CIO local" is its slogan and a committee has been established to reach all affiliates to see that they get the girls to enroll. Other recruiting committees have been established in Madison, Ripon and Keweenaw in Wisconsin. . . . A move toward labor unity is under way in Kingston, Ont., Canada. . . . Unions sponsoring it include, so far, the Aluminum Workers of America, Street Railwaymen and United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, affiliates of the Canadian Congress of Labor, the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, Trades and Labor Council, and the International Association of Machinists, affiliated to the Trades and Labor Congress.

There isn't a child over three in Philadelphia to whom the names Stalin, Browder, Timoshenko and Hillman aren't familiar now, according to Michael J. Quill, president of the Transport Workers Union. He says that the red-baiting that went on during the three-month TWU drive at Philadelphia Rapid Transit made those household names. Among the slogans used by the opposition were "Keep Stalin East of the Bug River," and "Keep Hillman out of Philadelphia," he said. TWU won, despite the wild smear. The vote, in case you missed it, was 4,410 for the CIO, 1,815 for the company union and 1,637 for the AFL Amalgamated Association of Street Electrical Railway Employees.

The new Frederick Woltman (World-Telegram) attacks on Quill recall a Transport Workers Union meeting held last year during negotiations for a raise for city transit workers. Somebody mentioned Woltman's name. From all corners of the hall in rich Irish brogues came diverse descriptions of him. There must have been 15 or 20 different suggestions on how to catalog Woltman who has been sniping at the union just about ever since it was founded. Quill, standing at the microphone, raised his hand for order. "Brothers," said he, "let's have unity on this question." He proposed a three-letter description, rhyming with cat, and it was unanimously accepted.

You're buying 100 per cent union if you get your paper at an Independent Subway System newsstand. Interborough News Co., which operates those stands, just signed a contract with CIO Local 18, United Office & Professional Workers. The pact, covering 100, brings \$4 weekly raises, commissions, closed shop, sick leave and holidays. Commissioner Francis X. Sullivan of the Board of Transportation helped get the agreement signed.

AFL and CIO will bat out their jurisdictional problems on the basketball court March 31 at Central Needle Trades High School. It's a match between the CIO Fur Floor Boys (Local 125) and Lodge 356, International Association of Machinists. The winner gets a trophy named in honor of two servicemen, one from each union, missing in action overseas. The furrier is Lt. Bernard Goldfine, an aviator, lost over the European theater. The machinist is Walter Roehl. There will be a dance after the game.

Moral Disarmament: H. Birchard Taylor, vice-president of the Cramp Shipbuilding Co., Philadelphia, has been identified as a leading spirit in Dr. Frank Buchman's Moral Rearmament movement, according to CIO shipbuilders. Their union paper carries a big expose of MRA this week.

That's the movement whose slogan is "absolute love." Its love apparently extends to Hitler. Founder Buchman's most widely-quoted remark was "Thank God for a man like Adolf Hitler." Nothing like that is attributed to Taylor but his "absolute love" seems to have an anti-labor tinge, judging by the shipyard paper's disclosures. . . . MRA got a big play in the commercial press about six months ago when moral rearmers were found demanding wholesale deferments. They didn't get them.

Hugo Ernst, general secretary-treasurer of the AFL Hotel and Restaurant Employees International, who cracked down this week on Republican-minded William L. Hutcheson for his anti-Roosevelt stand, is an old hand at boxing Republicans. He figures he did it to Charles Evans Hughes back in 1916 when Hughes ran against Woodrow Wilson. Hughes walked through a hotel picket line in San Francisco and Ernst saw that the news got around. . . . Incidentally Ernst is 67, a native of Croatia, in the U. S. since 1901. He was a reporter once but he quit the business because it only paid him \$5 a week. He became a waiter instead. He was personal waiter for William Randolph Hearst in St. Louis once but he walked out on the job, showing good judgment. Credit the Detroit hotel union paper for this information.

Cut in Vegetable Price Begins Today

Lower ceiling prices for fresh carrots, green peas, white potatoes and apples go into effect today for New York City housewives through the establishment of OPA community ceilings on fresh fruits and vegetables, Daniel P. Woolley, regional OPA administrator, announced yesterday.

Housewives will save about five cents a pound on green peas, a reduction of 25 per cent, three cents a pound on white potatoes, a reduction of 15 per cent, two cents on carrots by the bunch and four cents on carrots by the pound, and two cents a pound on apples, a cut of 8 per cent.

The fruits-vegetable price chart, which sets maximum prices for sale to consumers on a pound basis, will be revised each week, and copies will be furnished to about 30,000 retail stores in the five boroughs for posting every Thursday morning. Only new carrots are excepted from the pound basis, and these will be priced by the bunch.

MAIN VEGETABLES INCLUDED
The new price chart set top legal prices for six principal fresh vegetables and two fresh fruits. They are string beans, peas, carrots, spin-

ach, potatoes, onions, apples and bananas. Additional fruits and vegetables will be added at a later date.

Ceiling prices on string beans, spinach, onions and bananas for the coming week remain at substantially current levels.

Mr. Woolley said the weekly price chart will be a boon to the housewife as she will be able quickly to determine what she should pay, and at the same time will save the retailer the task of calculating his own ceilings.

Retailers are required to place posters in conspicuous positions so that they may be easily seen. Consumers should not pay more than prices quoted below:

WHAT'S ON

Tonight
Manhattan
TRIBUTE TO HEROES OF WAR: Heroes of War. Musical. Starting in honor of residents of Polish Jew against the Nazis. Speaker: Mary Hinton. Program of Jewish and Russian songs. Starts, 8:30 P.M. 9th St. Club, 27, Hotel Riverview, 1st floor, 9th St. Adm. 25c.

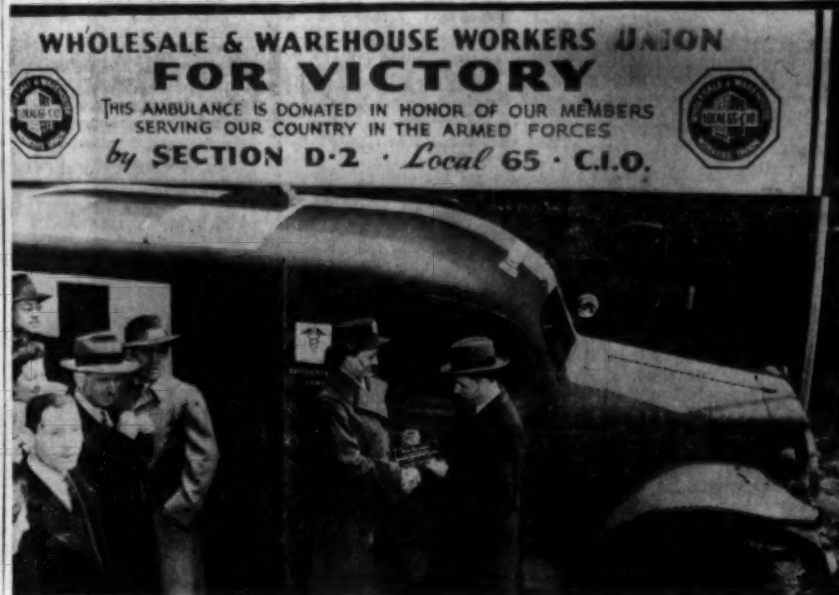
Tomorrow
Manhattan
GREEK FIGHTS FOR FREEDOM: Celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Greece's struggle for freedom. Friday evening, March 24th, at the Commodore Hotel, 22nd St. and Lexington Ave. Dinner 50c. Speeches and songs by Greek-Americans. Starts 8 P.M. 9th St. Club, 27, Hotel Riverview, 1st floor, 9th St. Adm. 25c.

Brooklyn
JOSEPH STARBORN speaks on "What Tobacco Means to America." Friday, 8:30 P.M. at 3052 1st Ave. Play "Mrs. G. L. Jones" to be presented. Admission free.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION
SCHOOL REGISTRATION. Social dancing by experts. Private lessons, 10-12 P.M. daily. MARION, 2, Private 23rd St., 2nd floor.

Rose Springs Surprise Election in Hat Union

A CIO Union's Gift to the U. S. Army



Arthur Osman, president of Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Local 65, CIO, presents a shiny new ambulance to the Army. Lt. Dorothy Bennett accepts it on behalf of Major Gen. Thomas A. Terry of the second service command. About 600 unionists in 65's D-2 (drygoods) section raised the \$1,678 that bought the buggy. Presentation ceremonies took place yesterday at 553 Broadway at a joint rally with the American Red Cross.

Biggest Edison Local To Vote on CIO Tie

The biggest local in the Independent Brotherhood of Consolidated Edison Employees will poll its 13,000 members from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M., Tuesday, on affiliation to the CIO.

The Honest Ballot Association, handling arrangements for Local 1-2, which has 13,000 of the Brotherhood's estimated 25,000 members, will supervise voting at eight polling places in Manhattan, Bronx and Queens.

The Brotherhood has five other locals, accounting for the rest of the membership. No action has yet been taken in these on a referendum but the outcome in Local 1-2, because of its size, can be expected to have an influence there.

A series of conferences between Brotherhood officials and CIO President Philip Murray and discussion by the Brotherhood membership preceded the referendum. The CIO proposal on which members are voting calls for the formation of a new international, a merger of the Brotherhood with the Utility Workers Organizing Committee and the United Utility Union of America.

Murray promised the Brotherhood that acceptance in the CIO would be based on strict autonomy and adherence to labor's no-strike pledge.

The Brotherhood, once an AFL affiliate, then for a long time an independent, has been moving toward association with the CIO for some months on the grounds that connection with a parent body representing the main stream of labor is necessary to win economic demands.

Hitler Sets Up Hungarian Gov't

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Hungarian army, the radio station calls upon them decisively and energetically to replace the central leadership now absent.

"Officers stationed in occupied towns can in a few hours reach agreement regarding a common plan of military operations."

"The entire people fully expect the Hungarian soldiers and officers in the Carpathians to do everything, sacrificing their blood and it need be their lives, to clear the territory of their country of the German fascist hordes."

"Between the Hungarian and Russian armies the heavily battered German troops are crumbling under the blows of the Russian troops. This seriously-weakened army must be struck in the back."

"The Hungarian army in the Carpathians, by operating jointly with the Russian troops, will gain decisive superiority over the Germans."

The Hungarian troops guarding the railways in the Ukraine are called upon to tear up the rails, blow up the railway bridges, mine the highways leading to the German lines, immediately to contact the Russian partisans and to join them for joint struggle against the Germans.

Harlem Clubs To Hear Davis

Councilman Benjamin J. Davis will report on the work in the New York City Council to the people of Lower Harlem at a mass meeting Thursday, March 23 at Park Plaza, 110th St. and 5th Ave. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Eugenio Maria de Hostos Club and the Nat Turner Club of the Communist Party.

Big ALP Primary Meeting Tonight

The readiness of all sections of labor and the liberal-progressive forces "to go out and do battle" against the "disruptionist" in the American Labor Party will be demonstrated at the pre-primary ALP rally at Manhattan Center tonight (Thursday), Hyman Blumberg, campaign manager of the Committee for a United Labor Party said yesterday.

Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and national CIO Political Action chairman, will be the chief speaker. Hillman has just returned from a tour around the country organizing labor's use of the ballot.

Others slated to speak are Richard T. Frankenstein, vice-president of the CIO United Auto Workers; John Green, president of the Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers; David J. McDonough, secretary-treasurer of the United Steelworkers of America; Michael J. Quill, president of the Transport Workers Union; Ruth Young, secretary of District 4, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, and Charles Collins of the AFL Restaurant and Hotel Workers and the Negro Labor Victory Committee.

Harry J. Chapman, assistant general chairman of the AFL Railway Clerks, will be chairman. He heads the Committee for a United Labor Party. A program of entertainment will be presented.

Considerable interest in the Manhattan Center meeting of the Committee for a United Labor Party tonight has been aroused by the Mayor's proposals and Hillman's reply. Committee headquarters said last night that many requests for press reservations from out-of-town papers have been received.

Minor to Speak in Boston Friday

BOSTON, March 22.—Robert Minor, assistant general secretary of the Communist Party, will participate in the recruiting of new members at a citywide recruiting meeting Friday, March 24, at 4 P.M. in the Ruby Room, Hotel Touraine.

Minor, whose "Questions and Answers on Tehran" have been followed with great interest in the Daily Worker, will elaborate on the developments since Tehran, and the proposed change in the name of the Communist organization.

Robert Minor will also participate in special recruiting meetings at Quincy, Saturday, March 25; Lynn, Sunday, March 26, and in Cambridge, Sunday, March 26.

New England Bus Strike Ends

BOSTON, March 22 (UP).—A bus strike on the Boston & Maine Transportation Co. lines in central and northern New England ended at noon today, 12 hours after 200 employees walked out in a dispute involving overtime wages.

At least 60 buses were involved in the tieup caused by the strike of bus drivers, mechanics and garage employees, all members of the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America, AFL.

Affair Friday to Mark 123rd Greek Anniversary

An entertainment marking the 123rd anniversary of the first struggle for the freedom of Greece will be held tomorrow night (Friday) at the Commodore Hotel under the auspices of the Greek-American Labor Committee.

The Labor Split on WLB

THE "hold-up" by AFL representatives on the War Labor Board is becoming a scandal. The big issue? They don't want the CIO to receive "credit" for a wage adjustment, if and when it comes. So they won't agree to a settlement under which testimony could begin on the wage case of the 800,000 steel workers.

It is doubtful if anything more disgusting could be found in American labor history. It seems like only the first installment of the renewed split-and-destroy campaign that Bill Hutcheson's clique on the AFL executive council has opened. First came the letter to all affiliates of the AFL forbidding cooperation with the CIO in the political field. Then came the AFL's refusal to give the CIO a share in representation to the ILO conference. More and more incidents come to light, like the AFL intervention against the Transport Workers Union at Philadelphia, to indicate that the controlling clique is dropping even a pretense to favor labor unity, regardless of how harmful it may prove to legitimate unions or the war effort.

Nevertheless, as our columns have shown in recent weeks, the AFL membership and important groups of officials are revolting against this ruinous policy. They are backing the fourth term, calling for unity behind the President and, even in Bill Hutcheson's own union, locals are talking up against the boss quite vigorously.

Now that disunity has crept into the WLB, the vigor and scope of the protest is bound to rise. AFL, as well as CIO members, fighting for a wage adjustment, will welcome it whether it comes through the steel or any other case. The point is to have the necessary labor unity so it could be won. But there won't be unity until the AFL protest against the reactionary controlling clique explodes with far greater strength.

British Stewards Vow Output for Invasion

By Anne Kelly (By Allied Labor News)

LONDON, March 22.—Two thousand delegates from 400 war plants, attending a national conference of British shop stewards last week-end, unanimously pledged "to increase production for the coming invasion of Europe from the west." The conference, held by the Engineering and Allied Trades Shop Stewards' National Council, sent fraternal greetings to the men and women of the British and Allied armed forces whose actions "are leading to the opening of a second front and a united offensive against Hitlerite Germany."

Negroes Elected To Hospital Board

Benjamin M. Roth, secretary of the board of trustees of Sydenham Hospital, Manhattan Ave. and 124th St., was elected president of the board Tuesday night, succeeding Joseph Martinson.

This hospital last December was converted into an "inter-racial" institution, with equal or proportionate numbers of Negro and white doctors and nurses. A majority of the patients are Negro.

Elected Tuesday night also were Edwin C. Boas, first vice-president; Augustus A. Austin, second vice-president; Alan A. Dingle, secretary; Frank M. Totten, treasurer; Harry C. Oppenheimer, assistant treasurer.

Mr. Austin and Mr. Dingle are both Negroes. Mr. Dingle being a well-known attorney. They were among six Negroes elected to the board of trustees when the new policy was first announced.

3 Coast AFL Units 'File' Green Edict

(Special to the Daily Worker)
SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Several California AFL central bodies are giving "file and forget" treatment to the recent Federation ukase against cooperation with CIO in political action.

The circular was considered in the Sacramento Federated Trades Council, the San Diego Labor Council and the Alameda County (Oakland) Central Labor Council. All three voted to file it.

In Los Angeles, where a joint political action committee already functions, the matter was to come up this week. Also to be decided was whether the present joint committee meetings would be considered affected by the AFL directive.

Two Mosquitoes Wreck 20 Planes

LONDON, March 22 (UP).—Two Royal Canadian Air Force Mosquito bombers, one of them piloted by an American, yesterday possibly destroyed 20 aircraft in a raid that was described by the Air Ministry as "one of the most remarkable of the war."

The planes, part of the "City of Edmonton" squadron, left their base at 4 P.M. for a routine patrol. The Air Ministry said. It divulged only a few details of what happened, reporting merely that the Mosquitoes shot down three Nazi planes, machine-gunned and cannoned 17 more on air fields in the Strasbourg area, and flew within six miles of the Swiss border.

For a Better Day
U.S. WAR BONDS

Rose 'Democracy' Smells Anything But Sweet

Alex Rose, red-baiting secretary of the present state leadership of the American Labor Party, is a self-proclaimed advocate of democracy and names this as an issue in the March 28 ALP primaries.

Rose has just provided New York voters with a dramatic example from his own union of what he considers democracy to be.

Rose is secretary-treasurer of Local 24, one of the largest affiliates of the AFL United CIO Hat and Millinery Workers. Its 17,000 members, on four days notice, have been called to elect officers tonight (Thursday) in a Hotel Diplomat hall that seats at most 1,800.

Shop chairmen got their first word about the election Monday night on return from work. A letter told them tonight's order of business would cover the following trifling business:

- 1—A report on two years' activity by Manager Nathaniel Spector.
- 2—Nomination and election of an elections objections committee.
- 3—Nomination and elections of executive board members.
- 4—Nomination and election of paid officers.

Ordinary union procedure calls for an interval of several weeks or at least several days between nominations and elections so that members can become familiar with the issues. Even the International Ladies Garment Workers locals, not generally viewed as models of democracy, permit such an interval. But Rose has "democracy" down to a science. If Local 24 elections are conducted tonight as in the past, officers will be chosen by a simple hand vote which makes no provision for a proper count.

Progressives challenged the election last time but the Rose machinery was too inflexible to provide much of an avenue for hearing membership protests. Shakespeare said A. Rose by any other name would smell as sweet. It must be that kind of reasoning that prompts Rose to praise of democracy. We can think of another, apter, name for it.

WLB to Hear Steel Wage Case

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series of three resolutions. The first of these provided for handling the steel case "like all other disputes" and for admitting in evidence the 17-cent an hour wage increase.

This resolution was approved by an eight-to-four vote, with the approval of public CIO and AFL members and with the industry members of WLB dissenting. The second resolution gave the AFL a part of its own at which it could make its arguments for revising the Little Steel formula and was approved by the same eight-to-four line-up.

The third resolution emphasized that the board can only make recommendations to revise the Little Steel formula since it is embodied in a White House executive order. It also stated that the board's action in hearing demands for revision of the "Little Steel" formula "should not be taken as an indication of any present decision on the part of the board as to whether it will or will not eventually seek a change in the Little Steel formula."

The vote on the third resolution was 11 to one, with United Automobile Workers President R. J. Thomas dissenting and Emil Elvies, president of the United Textile Workers, supporting the resolution. The entire set of resolutions would have been completely unnecessary if the AFL had not entered its objections to hearing the steel case.

The effectiveness of labor's demand for wage revision may now be impaired by having separate panels consider the issue instead of one. WLB Chairman William H. Davis indicated that the board would consider the issue as a whole on the basis of evidence taken by these two panels as well as by panels considering the General Motors and Packing House cases.

Scheduled to begin hearing evidence this morning, the steel panel was unable to get started in earnest because the War Labor Board was still settling the question of whether the wage demand would be heard.

WANT-ADS

APARTMENT TO SHARE WANTED
ARMY WIFE, 22, wishes to share young woman's apartment in Brooklyn. Children to be desired. Call Sunday or Monday evening. Mrs. Bell, RT. 8-2121.

FURNISHED ROOM FOR RENT
12th St. W. Private entrance, refrigerated, heating. Call. W.A. 5-2931.

Literary Lookout

By SAMUEL PUTNAM

CONTINUING our discussion of how to read, how to study, how to get the most out of our reading and study, how to make them count in the great looming struggle for the fulfillment of the promise of the future.

I have already quoted one partial definition of education, defining one aspect of it: "The educated man is the man who knows where to find what he wants."

I am not going to discuss the question of large-scale research; although I may, at some future time, have something to say on research methods. What interests us here, rather, is the ordinary reading of the ordinary serious-minded individual and how he may draw the most profit from it.

We will assume that that reading is, on the whole, systematic, carried out in accordance with a preconceived plan; which does not mean that one may read nothing else, that he may not once in a while deviate from plan for the sake of variety or relaxation. This is done by the best of men and the greatest of minds.

It was a dozen years ago, in 1932, that the idea first came to me of keeping a thorough and systematic record of what I read. Naturally, like most persons, I had in the past kept a random record now and then; I had marked up my books in the margins, made notes at the back of them, and had occasionally jotted something down on loose sheets of paper or in a stray notebook. This, however, I had discovered, was decidedly haphazard and unsatisfactory. What I needed was a systematic and, for my own purposes, complete (complete as possible) index to my reading.

And so, I evolved the idea of a card-index file. The cards I use are rather large ones, 5 by 8 inches in size. To these cards I transfer my reading notes. The way in which it works out is as follows:

As I read, I mark the passages to which I think I may need to refer some day, and at the same time, I jot down the page-reference on the blank pages at the rear of the volume. I do not interrupt

On How to Get the Most Out of Your Reading

my reading to enter the references on the card at once; but after I have finished the book, I transfer them according to subject.

On the cards I enter not only references to special passages but bibliographies, the titles of books, etc., anything I think I may ever need. I also enter references to magazine and newspaper articles; and if it happens to be a periodical of which I do not keep a regular file, I clip the article and paste it in one of my scrapbooks, and then enter the page number of the scrapbook on the card.

Certain articles which I wish to keep in loose form, brochures, pamphlets, and the like, I put into another file consisting of twine-bound manila folders (with flaps), 10 by 15 inches in size; these folders are numbered, and the number of the one that contains the article in question is entered on the file-card. These folders are classified according to subject-matter.

This, then, is the basis of my own system: the index-cards, the scrapbooks, and the folders. When I want to run down a certain reference, or when I want to write an article on a certain subject, I simply get out the cards and it takes but a moment to assemble all the material that I may have on that subject.

This system of mine, fortunately, covers the entire range of my Marxist-Leninist reading. I do not think I began to realize just how invaluable an adjunct it could become until after I had kept it for about ten years. Now, I should literally be lost without it.

But, you say, it takes time? Yes, it does, though not as much time as you might think, once you get the hang of the thing—you then find that it is really not a vast deal of work after all; and it assuredly would be a lot more work if you had to start from scratch and try to dig up all the material that is available to you by this system.

As a matter of fact, you couldn't do it. You'd be surprised how much of what you have read slips away from you and is gone forever, unless you devise some method as this for retaining it.

As I say, I hope this may be of help to some of you, and that it has not bored the rest of you. In any event, if my house ever caught on fire, I know what the first thing I'd try to save would be!

theatre review

'Road to Victory'

ROAD TO VICTORY, by Maxine Wood, directed by George H. Brown, music by the American People's Chorus, set design and light design by Alfred Brown. Presented by the IWO at New York City Auditorium on March 16, 1944.

By Ralph Warner

As I watched "Road to Victory," the IWO's wartime dramatic offering, on Saturday evening, my mind turned back to comparable IWO programs of other years. The works have changed, and with it the quality and techniques of what we used to call the mass theatre.

"Road to Victory" has taken a great stride forward—it not only presents a political program of action in dramatic form. It also entertains.

Maxine Wood, the author, and George H. Brown, the director, of "Road to Victory" are in large part responsible. Miss Wood has written a series of sketches held together by a slender thread. A group of overseas soldiers meet a war correspondent on their sector of the front. They want to know what is happening on other fronts and at home.

er, hewing to the line of military law, offers to defend him.

In Italy we see how three American soldiers learn to hate Nazi terror when it touches the lives of two pathetic Italian kiddies.

A nurse in a Sicilian hospital learns from a gravely wounded soldier what democracy means—equality among the peoples of the earth. And on Guadalcanal, a Michigan-born sergeant who once despised Jews because he had never known a Jew, discovers the noble heroic qualities which lay hidden in Private Abie Cohen—now lying dead beneath a jungle palm.

On the home front, a merchant seaman saves a Jewish boy from attack by anti-Semitic hoodlums—Abie Cohen's mother bravely sends Abie's young brother into the war in Abie's place, and Irene Brown, the widow of the dead Negro Navy hero, steels herself to carry on, so that her own Negro people may win their rights in the course of this anti-fascist war.

Miss Wood knows how to write natural dialogue and to create believable characters. Miss Brown succeeded in conveying to a large cast the inner significance of their roles—and she also contributed many little details to the action, all of which give richness and strength to the scenes.

On the negative side, I believe it is important to note that "Road to Victory" still suffers from some of the weaknesses of the old-style dramatic production. One such fault is over-emphasis. A point

once made should not be made twice, thrice or ten times. And slogans are not dramatic unless they call the characters to action—they do not rightfully belong in a dramatic offering. Finally, "Road to Victory" is weakest in its most important point, in the pivotal scenes in which the soldiers listen to the war correspondent. These scenes would have been infinitely stronger if one of the soldiers had been a typical bull-head reactionary who is won over in the course of the play.

Despite deviations from the path toward their perfection, "Road to Victory" is by far the best dramatic program of its kind in many years. The acting is remarkably natural—I doff my hat to Winnie Burrows, who, as the Negro widow, succeeds in creating a tender, understandable personality—and also succeeds in speaking slogans so beautifully that one forgets they are slogans. Berta Gill is excellent as Mrs. Cohen, Dick Loring does a fine job as the merchant seaman and Terry Greene is a forthright young nurse. Among the many others, Hardy Wieder, Morty Halpern, Jack Munoz, Peter Strand, Joseph Newman, Max Applebaum, Joseph Mendillo, Sam Zorovich, Harold Warren, Carl Brown, Jack Shupak and Maule Patterson deserve mention for their excellence in characterization.

The sketches of "Road to Victory" may easily be used by other groups. They are powerful little weapons for the home front war.

Bruno Walter Is Honored

By Frank Newman

Bruno Walter celebrated the 50th anniversary of his debut as a conductor Sunday afternoon at Carnegie Hall in a performance of Beethoven's great hymn to human brotherhood, the choral Ninth Symphony, the New York Philharmonic Orchestra being augmented for the occasion by the Westminster Choir. The soloists comprised Eleanor Steber, soprano; Emid Santho, contralto; Charles Kullman, tenor; and Nicola Moscona, bass.

Verdi was among the first musicians to point out that the last movement of the monumental Ninth Symphony (in which the chorus participates) is weaker musically, on the whole, than the preceding three instrumental movements, but there are nevertheless at least two sections of the final movement which are not surpassed by anything else in the entire work; and one of them is the magnificent "Hymn to Joy," sung to the words which include the refrain "All mankind are brothers plighted."

It was these sentiments which caused Beethoven, one of the sturdiest and most impassioned champions of freedom and democracy in history, to select Schiller's Ode for commemoration in this work; and it was precisely the sentiment of brotherhood which caused Beethoven's inspiration to reach the heights in this passage. As Schaeffer says of the Hymn to Joy in his biography of Beethoven—"It has the simple force, the limpid beauty, the generic quality of the greatest folk music." Schubert evidently thought so too, for he used practically the same melody in his last symphony in C major, as did Brahms in the final movement of his first symphony in C minor, in which the resemblance has become notorious. The common people have agreed with Schubert and Brahms also, for the melody has sung itself into the heart of mankind everywhere.

Mr. Walter is unquestionably one of the ablest conductors of our time, but he shares one conspicuous fault in common with most of his contemporaries, and that is a proclivity for delighting in sheer volume of sound.

Walter Received Numerous Gifts

Otherwise Sunday's performance of the great symphony was a notable one, and Mr. Walter demonstrated that he can make music as well as create a pandemonium by conducting an exquisitely modulated performance of the overture to Weber's Der Freischütz.

Following the performance Mr. Walter, who is taking a "Sabbatical" and will not be heard next season, was honored in a ceremony which took place on the platform. Charles Tiller, vice president and treasurer of the Philharmonic Symphony Board of Directors, presented the conductor with the Cambridge Edi-

Radio Highlights

7 P.M. WQXR—Lia Sergio, News
7:15 P.M. WABC—James Orchestra
7:30 P.M. WQXR—Five-Star Final
7:30 P.M. Bob Burns, Comedy
7:30 P.M. WQXR—Johannes Riel, News
8 P.M. WOB—Boeing: Girls vs. LeRoi, Madison Square Garden
8:30 P.M. WQXR—Joe E. Brown (Premiere)
8:30 P.M. WNYC (also FM)—Maria Van Deelen, Dutch soprano
9:30 P.M. WNYC (also FM)—Songs, by Jeanne Parke, soprano, and Morton Manning, tenor, with Frank LaFore at the piano
9:30 P.M. WOB—Antonio Orchestral, Lucia Albanese, soprano; Francesco Valcino, baritone
11:30 P.M. WQXR—Music of the New World, by the orchestra, Masteringers and Harmony Four.

Can't Replace Him, Says McCarthy, of Chandler

The old song about breaking up the Yankees, baseball's most powerful dynasty, was hummed again today when Uncle Sam ordered Spurgeon (Spud) Chandler, ace of the world champions' mound staff, to report for induction on April 14. However, Chandler, the third key member of the

Yankees to be called within a week, requested the transfer of his papers to a draft board at Moultrie, Ga., where he lives, and Hoke Sewell, clerk of the Royston board, said the request would be granted and that the Moultrie board would set the date for induction.

The Yankee right-hander was accepted for limited service around Christmas time and has been awaiting a call since then. Voted the most valuable player in the league, Chandler's loss is a terrific blow to any pennant hopes the Yankees may have after losing catcher Bill Dickey and second baseman Joe Gordon to the armed services last week. All three are regarded as the finest players in their position in baseball and Manager Joe McCarthy had counted heavily on their ability for this season.

When told, at the Yankees' spring training camp at Atlantic City, N. J., that Chandler probably would not be available, McCarthy said: "We can't replace that sort of pitcher. This is tough, but there

are no complaints. We'll do the best we can."

Chandler won 20 games and lost only four for the Yankees last year and compiled an earned run average of 1.64, the lowest American League mark in more than 20 years and dating from when Walter Johnson was at the height of his career.

The hurler had accepted his 1944 contract terms only yesterday and was expected to report to the Yankees' spring training camp within 10 days.

THE DODGERS

Lefty Bob Chipman, 4F in the Army, arrived in the Dodger camp at Bear Mountain yesterday and was given a royal welcome from Leo Durocher and Branch Rickey.

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"DAILY" SPORTS

The Low Down - Larkin to Beat Stolz and Our Winning Streak Is 2 Straight

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Allie Stolz who comes back to the Garden tonight to do battle with his Jersey neighbor Tippy Larkin, is a strange case in the fistful dispensary.

At one time it seemed as if the small Newark youngster was going to scale the heights to become the lightweight champion of the world. He was, and still is, one of the classiest boxers in the business, possessing a fine pair of hands, terrific speed, savvy and know-how.

He won fight after fight and the ringside pundits began to drag in the inevitable Benny Leonard comparison. But then Allie got into a fight with Beau Jack and another one with featherweight Willie Pep and these two fights revealed a glaring weakness in his armor which predicated his demise as a top-flight ring man.

These fights clearly showed that Allie lacks a real enthusiasm for fighting. He is totally absent of all fighting instinct. Some of the more cynical writers like to call this lack of guts, but I think that's just an easy way out.

I don't think Allie lacks guts. What he lacks is a real desire to fight another boy. In the ring this is called "killer instinct." Jack Dempsey had it. Barney Ross had it. Henry Armstrong had it. Joe Louis has it. Ray Robinson has it. Billy Conn has it. All great fighters possess this same quality but it is completely lacking in Stolz who has artistic talent and would probably make a fine painter or cartoonist.

As we said before, it is not lack of guts. It is just a lack of enthusiasm for hitting and getting hit, especially the latter. It is in opposition to the sensibilities of the Newark boy and even in his best fights he has never been able to unleash a dynamic attack with the sheer abandon of other fighters.

When it comes to dancing around, blocking blows, jabbing magnificently, Allie is all there because it is almost artistic.

The very nature of prize fighting therefore limits Allie's ambitions in the ring and about all he is out to do is make enough money to secure his family and prepare another career for himself. With boxing being what it is these days, Allie can and is making a lot of dough.

He'll make a lot of it tonight for all Jersey will descend upon the Garden for this bout between the Garfield hero and the Newark hero.

So now you want to know who we like to win. We picked Beau Jack last week and he won. Remember? That gave us a one fight winning streak. Now we're going to make it two straight.

Tippy Larkin to win because he's too classy a boxer and hitter for anyone who hasn't enough steam in his glove to knock him out.

Upsets in Hockey, too

The upset season didn't end with Beau Jack's win over Bunny Davis last week. The much favored Montreal Canadiens opened the Stanley Cup playoffs Tuesday night and got kicked good and proper by the third place Toronto Maple Leafs. The Leafs won 3-1 even though the fast, back-checking Canucks had the puck in Toronto territory almost all night. Leaf goalie Paul Bibeault played a whale of a game, turning back attack after attack.

In Detroit the fourth place Chicago Black Hawks cracked a four year jinx against the Wings by winning 2-1 and against upsetting the pre-playoffs dope. But these are best four-out-of-seven series and form will out.

That splendid Utah basketball team which took the Garden by storm the other night even if it did lose to Kentucky in the Invitation Tourney quarter-finals, has accepted a bid to play in the NCAA Western playoffs and if they win that, they will be back on the Garden next week for the east-west playoffs. It is possible, if not probable, for the Utes to win the NCAA title and play the winner of the Invitation Tourney which can very well be Kentucky and wouldn't that be something, eh?

-And in Conclusion

The scheduled Red Cross track meet which was to be held in Brooklyn with all proceeds going to the Red Cross, has been cancelled because of a fire recently which put the Thirteenth Regiment Armory out of commission.

During a playoff game in the American Hockey Association the other night, the players got a lot hot and up and sailed into the referee. The attack cost the hotheads two match misconduct penalties, one misconduct and two major penalties. The goalies played, however.



Maxine Wood, IWO New York Activities Director, and author of the IWO play "Road to Victory."

'Lad From Our Town' At the City Theatre

The City Theatre will present for seven days starting today, a new Soviet film called "Lad From Our Town." This is one of the great fighting films that the Soviet Union has sent to this country showing how the peoples of Russia are giving their all to help save an ideal that they have built up in the past 25 years.

Also on the same program, we feature the first downtown showing of "Russia's Foreign Policy." This is a factual film showing the growth of the Soviet Union.

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Hull's Statement

SECRETARY of State Cordell Hull has performed a national service in his reformulation of the basic principles of an American foreign policy. While the elements of his document are not new, Mr. Hull has given them directness, simplicity and integration.

And he has established once and for all what irresponsible and partisan critics have sought to deny: that this country does have a foreign policy. It is a very good foreign policy. It needs only to be applied within the framework of our coalition, as we are convinced it is increasingly being applied.

Immediately after the Moscow and Teheran conferences, some newspapers systematically raised doubts about the administration's good faith. The same newspapers which defended the State Department's course until last fall so warmly, were the first to pretend a vast disillusion. They discovered all sorts of contradictions between the Atlantic Charter and the Teheran agreement. They allowed themselves a malicious campaign against our most important allies, and jumped to the defense of the most discredited circles among some of the governments-in-exile.

Mr. Hull has now made his reply. We think that for a statement of general principle, it is not only an excellent defense, but it gives the nation a weapon with which to take the offensive against our enemies abroad, and the variety of gamblers and hypocrites here at home.

The criticism of the administration has come from two opposite sources. The first is represented by the outright defeatists and ultra-reactionaries, especially in the Republican Party. Their purpose is partisan; and in the case of the Hearsts and McCormicks, their purpose borders on treason. At the opposite extreme, stand the Social-Democrats and some of the liberals.

The Social-Democrats, of course, measure everything by their hatred of the Soviet Union. The liberals continually confuse the slowness of the State Department in implementing our foreign policy with the alleged absence of such a policy at all.

But it is one thing to have differences of opinion with Mr. Hull on specific matters, to be disappointed with our diplomacy in Italy, toward Franco or even toward China. It is another thing to deny that the principles of our policy are valid. It is one thing to emphasize speed and concreteness. It is another to deny that we have been making progress, for example, in our policy toward the fascist menace in Latin America or in the settlement of outstanding problems in connection with Yugoslavia and Poland.

Mr. Wendell Willkie performs the feat of combining the position of the Rightist reactionaries and the irresponsible liberals. He makes the arguments of both his own.

In his Ripon, Wisconsin speech, Willkie presented himself as a great champion of France against the "Darlanism" in the State Department; in the same breath, he hinted that he would have proceeded differently from the President on the issue of Poland. But this is trickery, not statesmanship. It is low partisanship and not national unity at all.

The problems of our future policy toward France we are not prepared to discuss at this moment, but certainly no one can castigate Darlan and defend the Polish government-in-exile. For the real power in this government is a coalition of Polish Darlans, as Willkie very well knows. What interests us even more is the fact that the N. Y. Post, allegedly a supporter of the President and spokesman for the Dubinsky-Darlans in the American Labor Party, is so quick to encourage Mr. Willkie's attack on the President in connection with France.

Although the available information is

very obscure, the Post borrows completely from the partisan passions of the N. Y. Herald Tribune. It is prepared to see Willkie "nominated and elected," if he will challenge the President on this score. Thus the Post, the liberal paper, reveals its suppressed desire to support Mr. Willkie at all costs. It even is compelled to ignore his unscrupulous defense of the Polish government-in-exile, especially since the Post itself has urged the disappearance of this government from the scene. To such levels do the critics of the Administration descend when they lose their perspective. It is just such partisan irresponsibility that Mr. Hull's declaration should serve to destroy.

For it is clear that Mr. Hull, in speaking for the Administration, has spoken also for the national interest. The bases of his foreign policy are completely adequate to the needs of the nation and the United Nations. They provide the platform around which men who put the nation above party will rally. These bases need only consistent implementation to place our country in the vanguard of those forces making for a genuine peace.

ALP Is Not ILGWU

THE New York commercial press, with the Times in the lead, interested only in red-baiting and bolstering the Rose-Alfange-Counts clique of the ALP, has been swallowing hook, line and sinker all the falsehoods that Dubinsky has been issuing regarding results of the ILGWU local elections.

Dubinsky announced that of 290 paid officers, 246 convention delegates and 1,400 executive board posts, the "Communists," as he calls the Rank and File, failed to elect a single one. Anyone not familiar with the situation will conclude that either there was no contest or the opposition was so infinitesimal that a victory is much ado about nothing.

Actually Dubinsky's figures are a giveaway that something resembling a "Ja" election took place. Significantly, he does not reveal the vote tally. Even the much padded figures (only one of the 38 locals allowed the Rank and File representatives on the election board) reveal something. A check-up shows approximately 20,000 votes cast for Rank and File candidates in the city—about the number cast in 1942. In locals where there was a contest, strength ranged as high as 37 per cent. Dubinsky doesn't mention that in Los Angeles and Boston his slate lost.

Surely that is not a sign, as the Times and Dubinsky would have us believe, that the movement for union democracy and progressivism (they call it Communism) is declining. And this was achieved despite the most thoroughly organized election rigging and administration coercion and mobilization that has ever been seen in any union—except, possibly, in the mine union. Will anyone believe that Luigi Antonini actually brought out 85 per cent of his Local 89 to vote with only five per cent of the posts contested, or that Cutters Local 10 pulled out nearly 90 per cent of its eligible voters?

There was no issue of control in any local. Nor was the issue "Communism" as Dubinsky tells the world. In fact, his machine men were forced to hide their real position and to demagogically pretend to favor the fourth term, international labor unity, Teheran decisions and some even claimed they were for unity in the ILGWU.

Now Dubinsky's machine men are transferring their efforts to the ALP. The courts already disclosed wholesale loading of nominating petitions with fraudulent signatures. They are behind all this cry of "Communism." But they won't conduct the ALP primaries. ILGWU members, this time, will have an opportunity to vote freely and their vote will be counted. We are sure they will overwhelmingly vote for the ticket of the Committee for a United Labor Party.

Eric Johnston's 'Seven Sins'--
A Problem for Labor Unity

By George Morris
(First of two articles)

President Eric Johnston of the United States Chamber of Commerce delivered quite an interesting address the other day at Boston. That was the speech in which he called for a "non-aggression and mutual assistance pact" between management and labor. Business, he noted, was already in the "dog house," now labor faces the same fate. The head of the C. of C. then listed "seven great sins" in which labor and management share a responsibility.

Some of the points Mr. Johnston raises with respect to labor are, undoubtedly true and should receive the earnest attention of all labor. As to the sins he charges to business, far be it for us to question them. Mr. Johnston is a spokesman for business and would hardly exaggerate sins in that quarter.

Mr. Johnston is obviously seeking to impress his listeners as a liberal. He puts himself in the position of a mediator who hands out even-handed, 50-50 justice. We summarize the "seven great sins."

THE 7 "SINS"
Unions deny, restrict or segregate members. Monopolies DID the same in business.

Unions impose heavy fines upon members, arbitrarily suspend and expel. Firms WERE expelled from industries by unfair competition.

Some unions don't hold regular meetings or regular conventions or regular and free and fair election of officers. He also heard of top-flight corporation executives who manipulate control through proxies and vote themselves big salaries and perpetuate themselves in office.

Some unions fail to make public financial accounts. Management is absolved of that sin, thanks to laws.

Some strikes are called by "arbitrary and dictatorial" business agents without consent or warning. Some firms "strike" against progress by shelving new inventions.

Some unions foster strike violence. Some employers hire thugs to beat up strikers and provoke violence.

Some unions restrain production through "feather-bedding" and

"slow-downs." Some managements encourage such attitude through opposition to social security and full employment policies.

On the surface that sounds fair and square. But, as any good executive knows, if you want to get down to cases the trouble you have to get down to cases.

DOWN TO CASES

We observe that Mr. Johnston himself cautiously qualifies his charges against "some unions" in a few spots. But there is a world of difference between "some unions" and others, as between some executives and others. Unless we do get down to cases the effect of a speech such as Johnston's is to indict all labor as it reflects against all business.

Mr. Johnston would do far more good and give far better proof of his sincerity, if he would single out the worst sinners in his own back yard and direct fire at them. That is his job.

There's Ernest T. Weir, for example, who still nurses a company union he built up with hatchet men and now incites against the War Labor Board to demand approval of a wage raise he pretends to favor.

Or Henry Ford who is reviving the technique of his "service department" to provoke strikes and violence.

Or Montgomery Ward whose executives are spending immense stockholder funds to fight the whole idea of collective bargaining. The more of such specific exposure we would have from men like Mr. Johnston the more proof we would have that all employers are not open shoppers.

LABOR'S "SINNERS"

We who are close to labor know that many of Mr. Johnston's charges certainly apply but they affect only a minority of unions. And they, too, could be classed far more specifically, just as the Fords, Weirs and Avery Sewells.

There's Bill Hutcheson of the Carpenters. If you are looking for "feather-bedding," wrangling over who has a right to touch a window frame or some other detail; dictatorial methods, arbitrary expulsion,

fining, suspensions, membership denial, "Class B" membership, secrecy in financial and all other affairs of the Brotherhood, contempt for elections or regular convention, and all the rest of the "sins," then Bill Hutcheson is just the man.

If you are looking for all that and the added attraction of having the presidency conferred for life at \$20,000 per annum, then Joe Ryan of the International Association of Longshoremen is the gentleman.

So the list continues with Joseph Moreschi's Common Laborers and Hod Carriers which holds a convention every 30 years.

And, of course, there is Boss John L. Lewis who holds practically all Mine union districts in receivership, and carries his dictatorship to a point of defying the country in the midst of a war for survival.

CANT DUCK ISSUES

Most other AFL unions resent being classed with those people. There is hardly a CIO union that could consider itself covered in Mr. Johnston's list of "sins" because most of those unions rose out of a revolt against bureaucracy, racketeering, and all the rest of the more than "seven great sins" long before Mr. Johnston became president of the Chamber.

Notwithstanding Mr. Johnston's vague and sweeping approach, some of the points he raises must not be ignored. Unless the problems are met and met constructively, they will be met in a way that will bring great harm to all labor.

For that reason it is to be regretted that some labor organs, like Labor, organ of the railroad unions, dispose of Mr. Johnston's speech as just another "knife into labor." The editorial in the paper, quite justly, resents the thesis that business already had its "dog-house" and now it is labor's turn. But it would have been far more convincing if the editorial met the points of criticism of Johnston. It isn't Johnston that is in question. Many millions of people—not business people—agree with him. And some railroad unions are certainly not above sin.

Tomorrow we will go more deeply into that question.

Letters From Our Readers

His Fellow-Workers
And FDR

Chicago, Ill.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Fortune poll, which showed that President Roosevelt was so strongly backed by the people, is correct. In the place where I work, about 80 per cent of the workers are for the President. They want him if there is still war on in the fall, if there is the beginning of peace or whatever happens by the first of the year.

But it is one thing to be for the President in general and another to register and be ready to vote. Many women in our work-place (and it is a big automobile accessories plant) have always voted as their husbands did, or to tell the truth let the voting to their husbands and often did not even go to the polls at all. Now that their husbands are away in many cases, they still do not take their own responsibility enough in the voting of matter.

There are also some new workers who think FDR will be a walk-away and do nothing to make a big vote for the President possible. We need

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to roll up our sleeves and work for the fourth term!

N. D. D.

**Birthdays
Of Our Heroes**

Editor, Daily Worker:

Why celebrate deaths rather than births of heroes?

Communists always seem to commemorate deaths of great men instead of celebrating their birthdays—as is the American custom. For example, we always have a Lenin Memorial but never Lenin's Birthday (April 22). It is perfectly O. K. for the Russians, for instance, to have Lenin Memorial but not for the American Party, because it has been a custom to commemorate deaths probably for centuries, and that custom has just been carried along from the pre-revolutionary

days. In the USA, however, no one ever commemorates deaths and the honor instead is accorded by celebrating birthdays. There is probably not one in a million in this country who knows the day of Washington's death, yet everyone knows his birthday.

A READER.

**Criticism of
"The Nation" Criticism**

Dayton, Ohio

Editor, Daily Worker:

Late in February I wrote a letter to The Nation criticizing Margaret Marshall's review of the current stage hit "Decision." In that letter I said:

"Judging from her unbroken record of red-baiting, we are certain that had 'Decision' been aimed at the Communists, she would have not found time to cavil so extensively about a few structural flaws in her eagerness to rush into print a must-see endorsement."

The Nation did not print the letter perhaps you will at least reprint this quote.

LEWIS BOOTH.

Why Nazis Give Up Strongholds

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

MOSCOW, March 22.—Captain K. Tokaryev, interviewed by Red Star, explained why cut-off Nazi divisions surrender strategic strongpoints despite having considerable forces of infantry and artillery at their disposal.

"This can be explained above all, by the swiftness and force with which the Soviet blows are struck," declared Captain K. Tokaryev.

The Red Army officer then described in detail to Red Star specific examples of what he meant: "In Beresnegovoye, for instance, the Soviet troops dealt with a retreating enemy whose battle formations turned to columns on the march. The Hitlerites counted on breaking through the battle formations of the Soviet mobile groups and with this purpose in view, they covered their main forces with tanks and self-propelled guns, and then moved them to the west and south-west."

SOVIET BARRAGE

"Here, however, they ran into a heavy barrage of Soviet mobile groups and self-propelled guns, as well as fire opened by the artillery and Sturmoviks."

"The result was that only some in the headquarters, and several small infantry groups which abandoned their weapons managed to break through the ring and scatter under the cover of darkness."

"The same fate overtook the German divisions cut-off in the north-

east district of the center of Besh-tanka," said Captain Tokaryev.

"Forming into motorized columns, one of which stretched over a distance of three miles, the Germans tried to break through westward. Concentrating their infantry units, mobile detachments and artillery and mortars, supported by thirty to forty tanks, they began to push through to the railway line towards Shevchenko. The battle raged fast and furious all night."

"The German tanks, mobile detachments and even motorized columns surged forward, evidently hoping to break through to Ingul in the area of Privilnoye and head for Nikolayev. However, one Soviet formation had forced Ingul several days several days prior to that and already gained possession of the district center of Privilnoye, and then considerably advanced. Moreover, the flank of another Soviet unit was on the left bank of Ingul, occupying the vantage points on the surrounding heights."

"The Germans came up against the strongest link in the chain of the encirclement of their troops."

"When the enemy counterattacked at Novogorodovka, Guards troops immediately took advantage of their favorable position and began to draw the enemy into a pocket of fire."

"The German vanguard detachments with tanks, infantry units and motorized columns poured into the sack and began to cross the

railway bed. Fire opened from all the Soviet guns. The German mobile detachments and infantry resisted desperately, and even counterattacked in different directions but all their attempts were crushed by the powerful fire barrage set up by the Soviet troops."

COMPLETELY DESTROYED

"At dawn on the following day, the Soviet guards units and mobile detachments struck flank blows, and began to split and mop up the isolated enemy groups. Abandoning equipment and weapons, the Germans tried to get out of the sack in small groups."

"At first it seemed possible, after two battered infantry regiments succeeded in breaking through to the southwest hamlet, Shevchenko; but just as the Germans reached Ingul, they were completely destroyed."

"To complete the matter, the Guards closed a ring around the German units, thus cutting them off from their rear. The German war prisoners, in their testimonies picture the rout of the divisions in which they had served."

"They speak of the incredible panic and the confusion rampant among the retreating units even before the complete encirclement."

"The officers taken prisoner state that in a special order the German Command is having the commanders of the 17th Infantry and 24th Tank divisions tried for getting their units trapped in the fire pocket," concluded the Red Star interview,

BETWEEN
the LINES

London, Algiers, Puerto Rico

By JOSEPH STAROBIN

The British Communists have been trying their best to maintain national unity behind the Churchill government. But they are fully aware of the intense popular dissatisfaction with the present electoral truce. As things stand now, the Labor, Liberal and Conservative parties do not challenge each other in the case where by-elections become necessary. If an MP dies, the party he represented puts forth a candidate and the other parties support him. Since the present British parliament was elected in the pre-historic days of 1935, gaining an overwhelming majority at that time by pretending to support collective security, the electorate can't express itself adequately on immediate issues of today. This has given crackpot individuals, and ultra-Left outfits like the Commonwealth Party (not committed to the truce) a chance to capitalize on popular discontent.

The Communists have been proposing a different way of selecting candidates and yet maintain national unity. They suggest conferences of all parties as if people's organizations which support the Churchill government. These conferences would choose the best, the most representative candidates irrespective of their party label. They might be Labor men, Liberals, Tories, Communists or anyone who is clearly the outstanding community figure. And such personalities would campaign on the basis of issues, rather than party affiliation.

So far, the British Communist proposal has been rebuffed. The by-elections still take place on the old basis. At the same time, all parties are preparing for a rough-and-tumble general election right after the war. The Communists have therefore announced on Feb. 24, a list of some 52 candidates of their own in the various constituencies. At the same time, they renew their offer for a joint conference of all labor and progressive organizations, exclusive of the Conservatives, to work out ways of avoiding splits in the progressive vote.

Don't jump to conclusions about American policy toward the French Committee of National Liberation. The problem is very complicated, and is obviously being considered among the "big three." The State Department denied on Tuesday that the United States intends to deal with Vichy men when the invasion of France takes place. So far, the only source which credits the State Department with other intentions is the Republican newspaper, the N. Y. Herald Tribune. This paper has "reliably reported" that the President himself favors a free hand to Gen. Eisenhower to deal with any forces inside of France that he may choose. But the partisan use which Wendell Willkie and the Tribune make of the State Department's reluctance to give the French Committee full powers of a provisional government, is enough to make us withhold judgment until we have more facts.

Besides, the situation in Algiers itself is quite complicated. The Communists, for example, are dissatisfied with the structure of the French Committee of National Liberation. There is a real division between the plans of the Consultative Assembly and the plans of the De Gaulle committee. So my advice is caution in making snap judgments at this moment.

A glimpse at the problem of progressive forces in Puerto Rico: The CGT (leading trade union body) and the Popular Party had planned a march to the capital at San Juan last Monday in support of Governor Tagwell's policies. The march had to be called off at the last moment because the opposition to Tagwell, which ranges from the Socialists to the Falangists, organized a counter-march and threatened to provoke violence.

Last Thursday, a story appeared in this column about a secret meeting of the KNAPP, the Committee of Americans of Polish Descent, which is the chief agency of the Polish government-in-exile's most reactionary wing. I said something to the effect that the secret meeting was held in Polish, although the organization is allegedly composed only of American citizens. Several people criticized that remark on the grounds that many progressive organizations of Jewish, Czech, Polish, Hungarian or Croatian Americans often hold their sessions in their native language.

Criticism accepted. I apologize for any implication that there is something inherently un-American in the use of foreign languages among national groups. My intention, of course, was to suggest that the KNAPP was trying to conceal the anti-administration and anti-United Nations import of its gathering.

5 Years Ago Today
In the Daily Worker

MARCH 23, 1939

WASHINGTON.—Congress passes President Roosevelt's emergency defense bill. The President demanded this as his answer to the dictators after Nazi Germany began dismemberment of Czechoslovakia. At the same time, he said, it would be an integral part of his program to unify the nations of this hemisphere under the banner of continental solidarity.

MOSCOW.—Authoritative Soviet sources repeated the willingness of the Soviet Union to throw its full strength into any genuine "stop Hitler" campaign but warned that the perpetrators of the Munich betrayal will probably, citing to their old policy of "feeding the fascist beast."

NEW YORK.—Borough President Stanley M. Isaacs assails tory slaughter of anti-discrimination bills in radio talk.

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